



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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I would not want to be a weather forecaster this time of year and their forecasts have been frustrating to me. Below, I describe three instances where the forecast impacted my decision to ride or to not ride.

First instance: We had a ride planned to the Feedmill Restaurant on 5/13. The forecast was calling for a significant chance of thunderstorms, so I decided to cancel the ride. Some folks met at Jerry's and decided to ride to a Dairy Queen in Maysville. They ended up riding with no rain. The only problem they had was they could not find a Dairy Queen in Maysville.

Second instance: We had our overnight ride planned to Sweetwater, Tennessee on 5/30 to 6/1. Jim needed to make the call by noon on Thursday and since the forecast at that time was calling for thunderstorms along our route for a large part of the day, we decided to cancel. Randy Hyde decided he was still going so Alan, Frank and Mitch decided to join him. I watched the weather forecast at 11:00 on Thursday night and it looked like we made the right decision because they were predicting thunderstorms. When I woke up on Friday and watched the forecasts, they showed that the worst of the weather would be east of us around 9:00. I decided to go with Randy and crew. We rode out of the rain just south of Nicholasville and the roads dried up before we had lunch in Somerset. We had a great time pre-riding the routes Jim planned for the trip. I hope we can put this ride back on the schedule in the future. Jim has scheduled it twice and the first one was canceled due to Hurricane Helene and the second one due to inaccurate forecasts. Hopefully the third time will be successful.

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Third Instance: This past weekend, 6/6 to 6/7, the State had the Ride In hosted by Chapter Y. I had reservations at the Kentucky Dam Village Resort but once again the forecast kept changing as the date got closer. The various local forecasts in that area seemed to be showing that Thursday could have spotty rain and thunderstorms, Friday would be stormy, Saturday and Sunday would be dry. I was planning to ride until Wednesday night when the local forecasters said Saturday would also be stormy and Sunday would be dry. Based on that info, I decided to take my Jeep since it looked like I could ride there and return but might need to park the bike on Friday and Saturday due to storms.

As it turned out, that was a good decision because Karen rode down there with Dedre on Thursday and unfortunately, Dedre had to go home on Friday. She had planned to stay until after the closing on Saturday. Karen planned to ride home with Dedre on Saturday but when Dedre had to leave on Friday, Karen decided to stay with me. We ended up driving through part of The Land Between the Lakes on Friday and then went to a couple of nice wineries on Saturday. We weren't the only ones on 4 wheels, and I think everyone had a great time whether they were on 2, 3, or 4 wheels.

You might be wondering how accurate the weather forecast was. I did not get a drop of rain on Thursday. We had some thunderstorms Thursday night /early Friday morning. Friday, we had some storms hit prior to the rides. We had some heavy rain just after one of the groups returned. The second group wasn't as lucky and got back about 5 minutes too late and got caught in the heavy rain. We were under a tornado watch Friday afternoon until 8:00 PM. Saturday, we had some rain but no storms. The last forecasted dry day, Sunday, ended up being rainy until we got to the Bluegrass Parkway. If I had taken the bike, I would have been caught in the rain 3 out of the 4 days. Since Karen doesn't ride, I was glad I took the Jeep.

I guess I should not complain too much about the forecasts. In 2 of the 3 instances listed above, the decision worked out for me. Hopefully that trend will continue.

Chapter Y did an excellent job hosting the Ride In. The venue was very nice. They had planned 3 guided rides and 2 self-guided rides. They offered the same rides on Friday and Saturday, so everyone was able to participate in a ride each day. Karen and I took one of the self-guided rides on Friday but modified it since the return trip included several miles on US68. The big US68 Yard Sale was from 6/5 to 6/8, and we decided to avoid it. To see the photos from the Ride In, please go to <https://kyroadriders.org/photos-page/nggallery/2025-ride-in>.

As I stated in an email on 5/28, Chapter C will be hosting the 2026 Ride In. This gives us a chance to show others all the fine riding we have in our area. The first major task is to find a location. If you have any ideas for a location, please contact me or anyone else on the team.

Our next meeting is on 6/21. 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

State News

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!

Riding season has started in earnest!

On May 17th we had an after dinner run to B & N Market in Bagdad Ky. The Vulcans joined us for the ride. I found a nice back road cut through from 44 over to Bagdad. The road was practically deserted... well, except for that deer I startled! He must have been taking a nap and the newly loud exhaust of my Harley and all those Vulcans disturbed it. He or she jumped up right in front of me and skedaddled as fast as it could go! As to B & N, I love this place. We all had some great deserts for the ride home

On May 24th Frank led a ride to Yoders Sandwich Shop in Flemingsburg, and then went on to Ayres Eat and Treat in Manchester. I've been to the Eat sand Treat several times, but this was my first time at Yoders. I plan on going back to both.

On May 30 through April 1 SOME of us rode to Sweetwater Tennessee to ride the Cherohala Skyway! I had to make the call to take Boo, by spoiled rotten labradoodle to his babysitter. Sherri was out of town. At the go-no go time around Noon that afternoon, the forecast was horrible. Unfortunately for me, but fortunately for Mitch, Randy, Frank and Roger, the forecast changed. They were able to go on and take the route. I understand the rain only lasted as far as Nicholasville. I understand they had a great time.

On June 10th Frank, Alan Mitch and I rode to Red River Gorge. We all had a great time. Check out the NADA Tunnel video on our Facebook page.

On Saturday, June 21 we will have an after meeting dessert ride to Cupcake Apothecary in Winchester. On Saturday, June 28, we will ride to General Butler State Park/Sunset Grill in Carrollton. On Tuesday, July 8, we will head to Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth Indiana.

More detail on these rides will be posted on the events section on our Facebook page.

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

Hey Chapter C!

I can finally say Happy Summer! It has finally arrived after a chilly and rainy spring!

Roger shared some great news with you already – we get to host the 2026 Kentucky Ride In!! I'm so excited that we get to share our "neck of the woods" with the other Kentucky chapters!! We will need all hands on deck to plan and carry out this endeavor. The Ride-In is a fun event where most of the folks from the other chapters come for a long weekend of food, fun and riding. Be thinking of your favorite ride that we have been on – a two-to-four-hour ride that would include a lunch stop. We need to find a place that offers camping and hotels close by and would have a meeting room or pavilion space in which to gather. Think of things that the Lexington area is known for that we could offer self-guided rides to.

Many hands make light work! Let's brainstorm together and get ideas down on paper. Contact any member of the team with your suggestions. (Roger, Karen, Jeff S, Alan E, Jim S, Tim, Jayne Ellen or Dedre). Mark the date on your calendar now – June 5 and 6, 2026.

Our chapter's responsibilities include leading the rides and showing great central KY hospitality to our fellow chapters. We will also need to put together some raffle baskets that the participants will buy tickets for to try to win. Be thinking of items that you would be willing to donate. The proceeds for these baskets will go to the state since they pay for the expenses. We can put together a basket for Chapter C to keep the proceeds to help defray our costs for the other baskets.

I hope to see you at our June gathering! I missed being at the May meeting.....but Alaska was fun! It was my first major trip without Mike, so one more (of many) "firsts" checked off the list. My son, Ben joined me, along with my sister and brother-in-law.

Dedre VanHoose

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District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

With the return of favorable weather, most of us have gotten back to riding. Many of us like to ride in groups, enjoying the hobby we love with others of like mind. Group motorcycle riding is a philosophy that emphasizes a blend of safety, communication, and camaraderie while simultaneously requiring riders to be aware of their surroundings, to maintain proper spacing, and to communicate effectively. It is about riding as a team, where everyone relies on and respects each other to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Here are some important points of group motorcycle riding philosophy:

Safety: proper spacing, staggered formations, and awareness of road conditions.

Communication: hand signals and CB/Bluetooth communication to alert other riders about changes in speed, direction, or potential hazards.

Responsibility: realizing that each rider is responsible for their own safety and the safety of the others in the group.

Respect: acknowledging and collaborating with the leader, the group, and other road users.

Having fun: emphasizing the shared experience and camaraderie of riding together, while maintaining safety and respect.

Group riding is an active, constantly changing, and dynamic event. Conditions on the road are always in flux due to traffic, road conditions, actions from other users, and natural occurrences such as weather and animal activity. This requires a foundation of trust among the participants in the ride. Group riding does not excuse the rider from sound judgement or safe practices. Each rider is responsible for his own decisions, regardless of the group dynamic.

There are several ways each rider can provide the respect and consideration he expects from the others in the group. It is important to maintain lane position especially in tight turns and in traffic. Riders on the inside of a right-hand turn should try their best to stay on the right side of the road, especially when turning from a stop, as at an intersection. At stop signs and traffic lights, the group should collapse together, with each rider moving up next to the person ahead. Proper lane position will normally allow enough room for a bike and a trike to stop next to each other. Close formation at a stop allows the group to get through the intersection in less time, reducing the exposure of all the riders to cross traffic and left turning vehicles.

Remember that your actions have consequences. Every time you brake (for an obstacle or entering a turn), accelerate, or decelerate, you immediately affect ALL of the riders behind you. Any sudden action you make will require a sudden reaction from ALL of the other riders. Always do your best and signal your intentions well ahead to avoid causing panic among those riders who are following you.

Be aware of the differences in the vehicles in your group. Generally, if a vehicle participating in the group ride has less than three wheels, that vehicle will have a great deal of difficulty staying upright without rider input. And the slower that vehicle is moving, the more rider input is required. Group rides these days usually consist of more multi-wheeled vehicles than two-wheeled motorcycles. Many of the operators of these multi-wheeled vehicles were skilled riders of two wheels. Maybe this describes you. Do you remember riding on two wheels and the effort it took to keep the bike balanced and smooth during slow speed operation?

We all know we should ride our own ride, and we are responsible for our own actions. But this does not mean that you can do what you want without regard to the effects on other road users. We all have responsibility to each other when we interact on the highway, regardless of the setting. Using the highway is a privilege, not a right. Be respectful and patient so we all get along and arrive alive.

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.