



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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As I said in my article in the June Newsletter, Chapter C is hosting the 2026 Ride In. If you have favorite rides, destinations or restaurants that you think the Ride In participants would enjoy, please let us know. We have time to prepare the rides so please send us your suggestions.

Our Chapter will provide baskets or items that will be raffled off at the Ride In. If you have any items you would like to donate, please let me know. Karen has already started pulling together a couple of baskets and I am sure she would appreciate your help.

The next State event is the Blast which is from 8/14 to 8/16 at General Butler State Park. The theme is "Riding, Rocking and Rolling". We'll have Dinner and a Casino on Friday night as well as "The Charitables" band providing live music. A \$300 Grand Prize that will be given away at the closing on Saturday. This is in addition to the Rides, On Bike Games, RPM Classes, Team Challenges and other activities. For more information and to register, please go to the State website: <https://kyroadriders.org/>. I can't believe it is just a little over a month away.

Our next meeting is on 7/19. 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!

We have gone from monsoon rains to a steam bath in a matter of days!

On Saturday June 28th we rode to Sunset Grill in Carrollton. I had Scenic create a “curvy” route there. It was shady almost the entire ride. This was the first time I had used this feature. For those using Scenic, if you have it create the curvy route like this, move the settings from curvy to standard when you save the route. Otherwise, Scenic thinks you want to make it even more curvy as you go along. On the way home we took the direct route; 127. We had an eye on the weather map and wanted to make it back home before the storms hit. We made it.

We have an upcoming after meeting dessert ride this Saturday, July 19, to Sweet Boutique, Cynthiana. On Saturday, July 26, we will make a repeat attempt to visit R&S Barbecue, Tompkinsville. We have done the R&S run before, and it is worth repeating. After BBQ, we go to Tasty Foods in Burkesville for ice cream. Bring cash!

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

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

Happy Summer, Chapter C!

I got so excited about us hosting the next Ride-In that I forgot to talk about all the good dinner rides that we've done! In May we had a yummy dinner at Make Mia Pizza in Winchester. There were 9 of us and we took up most of one of the dining rooms! The pretzels and beer cheese were to die for, so we will be going back.....but maybe not until the construction is done in downtown Winchester! In June we had a small group at Wallace Station. Small groups are good since it's easier to carry on a conversation! We had a big group at Sonny's on June 30 so I didn't get to chat with everyone.

Our next dinner ride will be Tuesday, July 29 at 6pm at Cattleman's Roadhouse in Georgetown. (240 Champion Way, 40324). Hope to see many there!

We have the Blast coming up August 14-16 at General Butler State Resort Park. Registration for all 3 days is only \$35, while day passes are available for \$20. I have heard that Rick is arranging a ride to Fort Knox on Friday. I can't wait to go! **You must have a real ID in order to get in to Fort Knox.** There will be a band playing Friday night and a great time will be had by all! Please come and support our Kentucky Road Riders!

Because the Blast is our normal gathering weekend, our August meeting will be on Saturday, August 23. Same time, same place! I hope to see you at our July gathering on Saturday, July 19!

Ride safe,

Dedre VanHoose

District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

A panda walks into a bar and gobbles some beer nuts. Then he pulls out a gun, fires it in the air, and heads for the door. “Hey!” shouts the bartender, but the panda yells back, “I’m a panda. Google me!” and continues out the door. Sure enough, *panda*: “A tree-climbing mammal with distinct black-and-white coloring. Eats shoots and leaves.”

This month I would like to present information about the environmental concerns of our sport. As an outdoor activity, we are subject to all the critters Mother Nature has seen fit to provide. Some of these pests can cause irritation and distraction, but there are things we can do to lessen their impact on our fun.

Let’s examine the Mosquito. Although science has yet to pinpoint what mosquitoes consider an ideal victim, there is a tremendous amount of research being conducted on what compounds and odors people exude that might be attractive to mosquitoes. But with 400 different compounds to examine, researchers are just beginning to scratch the surface.

It's not dinner they are sucking out of you. While male mosquitos do not bite people -- female mosquitoes bite us to harvest proteins from our blood to develop fertile eggs. People with Type O blood are bitten nearly twice as often as those with Type A, while people with all other blood types fall somewhere in the middle.

Mosquitoes locate their victims using an organ called a maxillary palp which detects the carbon dioxide in a person’s breath from as far away as 164 feet. As a result, people who simply exhale more of the gas over time—generally, larger people—have been shown to attract more mosquitoes than others. This is one of the reasons why children get bitten less often than adults.

In addition to carbon dioxide, mosquitoes find victims at closer range by smelling the lactic acid, uric acid, ammonia and other substances expelled via their sweat, and are also attracted to people with higher body temperatures. Strenuous exercise increases the buildup of lactic acid and heat in your body. Genetics also influence the amount of uric acid and other substances naturally emitted by each person. People with high concentrations of steroids or cholesterol on their skin surface attract mosquitoes. Pregnant women have been found to attract roughly twice as many mosquito bites as others, likely because they exhale about 21 percent more carbon dioxide and are on average about 1.26 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than others.

Other research has suggested that the particular types and volume of bacteria that naturally live on our skin affect our attractiveness to mosquitoes. This might be why mosquitoes are especially prone to biting our ankles and feet as these areas naturally have more robust bacteria colonies.

Just a single 12-ounce beer can make you more attractive because drinking alcoholic beverages increases the amount of ethanol excreted in sweat, and it increases body temperature.

Mosquitoes use vision in addition to scent to locate humans, so wearing colors that stand out (black, dark blue or red) may make you easier to find. To minimize your risk of being bitten, wear clothes that cover exposed skin. Insect repellants made with the chemical DEET or Picaridin have been proven effective to repel mosquitoes. As a natural alternative, mosquito plants and citronella candles work well too.

In summary, if you are a Type O, exercising, pregnant woman in a black shirt, I suggest staying indoors. For the rest of us, stay clean, drink water, wear light colored clothing, and use an effective insect repellant. Be sure to stock the first aid kit on your bikes with itch relief for when these pests get past your best efforts of prevention.

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

8/2 Tim Wiseman

8/9 Jayne Ellen Mourning

8/11 Jeff Sullivan

Anniversaries

8/19 Alan & Shea Ernest



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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.