



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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We finally had some pleasant riding weather so on 8/2 we were finally able to ride to the Creek Side Family Restaurant in Campbellsville. This was my third attempt to lead a ride to the restaurant. We had 5 bikes from Chapter C and Jim and Karen Fields brought along some of their friends on 3 more bikes. We met Jim and his group in Perryville and then continued on US-68 to the restaurant. We enjoyed a good meal and after lunch, Jim and his group headed to Elizabethtown and the rest of us rode back to Lexington. It was a fun day and the weather was fantastic.

The next State event is the Blast which is from 8/14 to 8/16 at General Butler State Park. I hope to see many Chapter C members at the Blast. 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/>. The agenda should be available soon and I will send it out as soon as possible.

Our next meeting is on 8/23. It is delayed a week due to the Blast. 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

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!

Looks like the steam bath is back!

After our August 23rd meeting we will make a dessert ride to Beans in Dry Ridge. On Tuesday September 9th we will have a mid-week ride to the Portsmouth Brewery. I've been a little under the weather and unable to ride. I had surgery August 15 and have been told to expect a 4-6 week recovery time.

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

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!

We've had a short fall this week, so I hope everyone had a chance to ride and enjoy this weather!

Since our last meeting a group of us went to Cattleman's Road House in Georgetown for dinner. I did forget to take our picture, but a good dinner was had by Roger, Karen, Frank, Mitch, Kathryne, Tim, Jayne Ellen and me.

Our next dinner ride will be on Monday, August 11 at 6pm at Donato's Pizza at the corner of Main St and Ashland Ave. (728 E Main St, Lexington, 40502). The final one for August will be on Thursday, August 28 at the Brown Barrel in Midway. (204 N Gratz St, 40347) It will also be at 6pm. This is a potential lunch stop for a June 2026 Ride-In ride that Chapter C is hosting!

Don't forget that the Kentucky Blast is coming up August 14-16! Come for the day at least and meet some new friends! Rick and Leah work very hard to make the Blast a lot of fun, so come and check it out!

Because of the Blast, our August meeting will be delayed a week to August 23. I will be on my way home from New Orleans that day, so I won't see you until the Brown Barrel.

Be safe and I hope to see you at a dinner ride soon!

Ride safe,

Dedre VanHoose

District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Welcome to August and the arrival (finally) of the heat and humidity of summer. But the heat of the daytime is nothing like the heat in your exhaust system. Combine that with the humidity in the air, the byproducts of combustion which are basically anhydrous acids, and the fact that a motorcycle exhaust system is unprotected metal on the inside, and you have a recipe for rust and corrosion. Our exhaust systems are very well made, but after many years even the best exhaust systems will start to show the effects of aging.

The first place to check is any clamp or fastener. These places tend to catch and keep the road grime which also holds the acid rain that can eat pits into the pipes, even into the chrome plating. Next, check around the welds. By their very nature, the welds are subject to early failure due to the energy put into them during the welding process. This makes the metal in the welded area more prone to the effects of oxidation. And the third place to check is any sharp angle in the formed metal fittings and tubing of the exhaust system. Sharp angles tend to act as stress risers, where any force on the metal, be it expansion and contraction from thermal changes, or flexing from vibration from the engine or roadway, tend to be focused and lead to cracking. These cracks again tend to attract dirt and moisture.

If your bike is new or in really fine condition without much rust on the exhaust system, then prevention is easy, mainly consisting of washing and periodic scrubbing followed by some aluminized paint around the welds. If you or the previous owner have been less than diligent in the care of the exhaust system, and you find some cracks, there is still hope. Several products on the market can extend the service life of your pipes. Some are high temperature epoxies. Others are mixes of high temperature polymers and metal dust, like Blue Magic® Quik Steel™. This product is applied on warm days above 80 degrees Fahrenheit and is applied directly to the damaged area. Liberal applications spread widely over the surrounding surface help to hold the area together. After four hours of initial curing, it is time to go for a ride to finish-cure the repair. The heat in the exhaust makes this product stronger.

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

9/11 – Jim Springate

Anniversaries

9/5 – Roger & Karen Early

9/9 – Mitch & Kathyne Lawrence



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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.