



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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As I write this, we have had a string of dry, fairly cool days so I hope you are taking advantage of it and getting some time on your bike.

Our October chapter meeting will be held on 10/25. We moved it because the State Fall Ride is scheduled to be in our area on 10/18. The purpose of the Fall Ride is to visit the areas for each chapter to allow people from that chapter to ride along for all or part of the ride. Mark your calendar for 10/18 and hopefully you can join the ride. As more details are available, I will let you know.

Our next meeting is on 9/20. 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.

The State Blast was held from 8/14 to 8/16 at General Butler State Park. It was an awesome event. Karen and I went up on 8/13 and stayed at the lodge until Saturday, 8/16. The State Team arrived on Wednesday to set up and to be there so the vendors could also set up. When that was finished, we enjoyed dinner at the park's restaurant that was still serving in the Conference Center, so it was very convenient.

Thursday morning, we arrived at the Conference Center for the Blast events. The vendor area was open and Karen and I spent some time (and money) exploring the vendors. In the afternoon, Karen helped call the Wingo games and then we had the opening remarks which included a meet and greet playing the game of "Two Truths and a Lie". We were told to get with someone we didn't know and tell each other 2 truths and a lie.

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We had 4 people from Pennsylvania at the Blast, so I paired up with one of them. I told my 2 truths and a lie and I guess I am not a good liar because she correctly guessed the lie. When it was her turn, she told me her 3 statements and I guessed the first was a lie. I was wrong so I guessed the second one was a lie and she told me once again I was wrong. By process of elimination, I said the third must be the lie and it was then that she realized she told me 3 truths. She was a worse liar than me, she could not tell a lie. The meet and greet was followed up by an ice cream social and then the on-bike games.

Dean, Lora and Miles from Chapter A did a great job planning and running the on-bike games. They started with a water balloon toss. The object of the game was for the rider or passenger to toss a water balloon over a rope as they drove underneath it and catch it on the other side. I enjoyed taking photos of this game. I put my camera in burst mode hoping to catch the moment the balloon busted and hopefully got the riders wet. Most of the balloons popped on the pavement but I managed to get a couple of photos of the riders getting wet. Below are my favorites.



The other games included a jousting game and a game called Roadkill where they had to use grabbers to pick up stuffed animals and deposit them in buckets. The last game was a game where the riders had to stop on a grid of numbers and wherever their back tire ended was how many points they scored. Our very own Gerry Harris won that game! Congratulations Gerry!

After the games, we had supper at a local Mexican restaurant. I was worried we would overwhelm the restaurant, but it wasn't bad at all. The food was good, and we enjoyed eating with Donita and Ron. The group had to spread out at multiple tables, but it was a good time.

Friday, we had 3 groups leave for rides. One headed to the Patton Museum in Fort Knox. One was headed to Rabbit Hash and the third was a scenic ride. We also had the vendors and Wingo. Friday also included some Team Challenges.

Friday night included a dinner and a Casino Night. The dinner was a buffet prepared by the Park's Restaurant. They also provided people to serve drinks and collect dishes as people finished and headed for more food. We also had live music provided by The Charitables Band.

The Casino was awesome. The Blast Committee had a human slot machine, a money booth where play paper money was blown around in the booth and you had to capture as much as you can. There were several other games as





All of the games resulted in people winning tickets. These tickets could be placed in buckets associated with various prizes and at the end of the night drawings were held to determine the prize winners. Everyone was given chips at the beginning of the night. These chips could be used to play the various games. The night was a huge success.

Saturday, we had 2 rides. Don Price led a group to the Derby Museum in Louisville. I led a group to the Kentucky Vietnam Memorial in Frankfort. We had 9 bikes start the ride and included Frank, John, and Randy from our chapter. On the way back, we stopped at Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield. Some in the group had never been there and everyone enjoyed the food and the company. It was a day that the temperature started in the 70's and eventually reached the low to mid 90's. The ride from Our Best back to the Blast was only 45 minutes and I was glad we didn't have much further to go because it was getting hot.

Saturday afternoon, we finished with the closing. They announced the results of the Chapter Visitation Competition and the Traveling Plaque Competition. Chapter G won both competitions. Chapter C won second in the Plaque Competition and third in the Chapter Visitation. Chapter A was second in the Chapter Visitation and third in the Traveling Plaque.

Rick, Leah and the Blast Committee really put together a fantastic Blast. Their hard work allowed all of to have a great time. I really appreciate all of the work they put into it, and I also appreciate all of the members of our State that participated in making it such a fun event.

I posted lots of photos from the Blast on the State website. They can be viewed at:

<https://kyroadriders.org/photos-page/nggallery/2025-blast>

The 2026 Blast will once again be held at the Conference Center at General Butler State Park. I hope to see more folks from Chapter C 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 17th to the 20th. He is still defining the route but hopefully it will be available soon.

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 are finally heading into some cool, dry weather!

After our September 20th meeting we will make a dessert ride to Bud and Cheryl's in Junction City. On September 27th we will ride to Five Broke Girls in Horse Cave. 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. Hopefully I will be able to make the 5 Broke Girls ride.

Bruce and Kathy Hensley, the State Ride Coordinators, will be leading a fall leaf peeping ride. The ride will start in Henderson, Ky on 10/17 and will end in Henderson, KY on 10/20. The details are not available, but Roger will update as new information becomes available. I'm hoping to pick up the ride on Saturday morning someplace fairly close. This may require a Friday night hotel stay, or I may be able to ride to the departure point on Saturday morning. I'll leave for home sometime on Sunday, depending on the actual route.

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

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!

The weather has been fabulous! I hope you have all gotten a chance to ride

We had two dinner rides in September, and I didn't remember to take a picture at either one! The first was at Donato's Pizza, which was enjoyed by Tim, Jayne Ellen, Mitch, Kathryne, Frank, Jim S and John C and me. The next one was to Brown Barrel in Midway. Mr Picture Taker was there too (Roger) and we still forgot! Tim, Jayne Ellen, Mitch, Kathryne, Roger, Karen, Frank, John C, and I had a great meal.

Our next dinner ride is Tuesday, September 30 at BJ's Brewhouse in front of Fayette Mall. We will meet there at 6pm. As usual, reply to my email so I can get a table big enough for all of us!

See you at our next meeting!!!

Ride safe,

Dedre VanHoose

District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

It takes a village.” How many times have you heard this in your lifetime? How many times have you said it yourself? Commonly, this proverb emphasizes that it takes the collective support of community involvement in the development of a child to be happy, healthy, and well-adjusted. Uncommonly, I think this phrase can also be used in consideration of any personal or group development. This month let us explore and reflect on this idea to get a sense of its meaning.

The root of this idea is in the word community. From Dictionary.com we find the following information (edited for space considerations):

com·mu·ni·ty

/kəˈmyoʊnədə/

noun

a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

the people of a district or country considered collectively, especially in the context of social values and responsibilities.

a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

From the Merriam-Webster we also get similar information:

a unified body of individuals: such as the people with common interests living in a particular area

a body of persons of common and especially professional interests scattered through a larger society

And from the Cambridge Dictionary:

the people living in one particular area or people who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, social group, or nationality

When I was researching this month’s article, I also came across the following chart that shows the use of the word community in various written forms of communication during the last few hundred years.



I joined GWRRA KY Chapter G in 2009 because I was looking for a group of people with whom I could ride and learn about motorcycles and motorcycling. I had been to a few rallies, but to each one I went by myself, because I only wanted to take advantage of the demo rides the factories offered there. And I had never camped (not even once) until I joined Chapter G. I had no idea what to expect or what to bring or how to act.

In each instance above, I had no idea that what I would learn, that what was really going on in these activities was the very definition of community. People coming together for social interaction, discussion, and camaraderie. People always willing to offer assistance when it was needed, and willing to pool and share resources so no one was left at a disadvantage. Everyone taking their turn at a booth or task so that everyone could experience some fun or relaxation during the event. Everyone willing to use their unique talent to add their one piece so the puzzle was completed without any one person doing all the work.

The KRR 2025 Blast has just been entered into the history books. For me, it was a great experience and a prime example of all three examples of community: camping, rally, and riding. The village this year seemed a little bit smaller, but the willingness of the people to share the work and the resources, to step up when others falter, was still alive. I look forward to the next rally, camping opportunity, and group ride so I can continue to help those in need, and know that if I am the one that needs the help, someone will step up, share their unique talent, and be there for me.

Richard Artmayer

KY District 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

9/21 Frank Hardy

9/23 Earl Broome

Anniversaries

9/30 Gerry & Denise Harris

10/21 Roy & Helena Taulbee



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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.