



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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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.

I sent a note to the Chapter on 10/5 about the 2026 Winter Warmup which will be held on 1/30/26 to 1/31/26. The meeting is actually on 1/31 and there will be a pizza party on 1/30. This used to be called the OPS Meeting, but it has evolved over the last few years and has become both an informational meeting as well as a social event. Everyone is invited, not just the Chapter Teams. The agenda for the meeting typically includes the following:

Information about upcoming state events

Breakout sessions for each of the various roles on State and Chapter Teams

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Breakout Session for a Technical Discussion on Motorcycles: an open discussion about various topics

A group activity as an ice breaker. Last year at the start of this event I was told to go stand in the corner. I wasn't sure what to expect and we'll see what happens this year.

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Recognition of the new Couples and Individuals of the Year
Classes
Town Hall Questions and Concerns
50/30/20 Drawing
Passport Winner Drawing

The meeting usually ends around 4:00 – 4:30 and Rick and Leah do a great job keeping the meeting on time.

After the meeting, we have dinner and social event. This year the dinner will be hosted by KFC and the event is the KY Olympics. I am not exactly sure what that means but last year we had an Escape Room activity that was a lot of fun. We were divided into 3 teams, and each team had an identical escape room to solve. The teams were random so we got to work with people we may not have known. One year we had a Murder Mystery that was also a lot of fun. I expect planning is already underway for the KY Olympics and I am willing to bet it will be a great time. I hope you will consider attending.

Our chapter is hosting the 2026 Ride In on June 5th and 6th. The main events are of course the rides. Last year the rides left around 10:00 and returned around 2:00 to 3:00. The rides included a lunch stop. If you have suggestions for the rides or lunch stops, please let me know. So far, we have the following suggestions:

Nada Tunnel, Red River Gorge
Horse Farm Tour
Proud Mary Restaurant
Distilleries
Corbin KFC Museum
Pisgah Pike and other Horse Farm Roads

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 19th. 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!

The riding season is finally drawing to a close. We have no more rides scheduled this season, but I am hopeful we will have some impromptu rides as the weather permits.

On September 27, we rode to Five Broke Girls in Horse Cave. Unfortunately no one ordered the bigger-than-the-plate country fried steak.



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. Interested persons will be able to pick up the ride at their overnight stay Saturday morning. Roger will update as new information becomes available. As of this writing, the weather on Sunday does not look favorable.

Save the dates!

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Hi Chapter C!

September was a quiet month as far as dinner rides go, but I'm going to try to change that up! On September 30, eight of enjoyed dinner at BJ's Brewhouse. A good meal was enjoyed by Tim, Jayne Ellen, Mitch, Kathryne, John C and his guest Jackie, my son Ben and me.

Monday, October 13 we will do something new! We will have a lunch ride to the Beech Springs Table in Winchester. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and folks can actually ride to this lunch and take the long way home!

On Thursday, October 30 we will try out the Parlour (2009 Harrodsburg Rd). It's where O'Charley's used to be in front of Staples/Home Depot. We will probably meet at 6pm for this one unless I get really good feedback from our lunch ride. Watch for an email closer to the date.

John C asked when we would go back to Joe Bologna's. I'll schedule that one in November, but will need to check the basketball schedule first! Is there a restaurant that you'd like to go to? Just let me know!

Our October gathering has changed dates due to the state ride during our regular meeting date. This month our monthly gathering will be on Saturday, October 25. I will miss you all as I will be driving home from MI that day.

We should have visitors though because we have the traveling plaque!!!!

See you at a dinner ride!

Ride safe,

Dedre VanHoose

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District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Rider education is more than just learning tips and techniques in a classroom and then practicing them on a closed course. It is taking what you have learned in the classroom and applying it to your day-to-day riding; making your daily rides a place to practice and polish the skills you need everyday to survive the asphalt jungle. Riding with this in mind, you will notice what works well for you and what needs additional development or a different solution. At work we call this Continuous Improvement, and it is a necessary task required of every employee. I call it Riding to Live, and it is a necessary task required of every motorist to stay above ground.

One of the skills that gets a lot of attention in rider courses is braking. From the dictionary, we get the definition:

braking (noun)

"The action of making a moving vehicle slow down or stop by using a brake."

("Solved 1. (Definition braking: the action of making a moving - Chegg")

This of course should not be confused with "breaking" which is defined as any action of separating, damaging, or interrupting something. In fact, there seems to be a correlation between the two words. If you are not good at "braking" you may find that you will become experienced in "breaking".

In the several and various rider courses I have completed, braking has always been a focus. For standard arrangement controls (hand brake on the right, generally controlling the front brakes, and foot brake on the right, generally controlling the rear brake) the best stops are performed using both controls in proper measure. How much of each control you use can depend on the speed you are traveling, the available traction (which depends on the weather and the condition of the road surface), and the condition of your equipment (motorcycle). The rider courses always stress the proper technique for braking, especially with the hand brake control. The beginner technique is to always use all four fingers to squeeze the brake lever. This is for several reasons:

- Maximum grip strength requires all four fingers (and this is **REALLY** important if you find yourself stopped on the side of the road in a windstorm in Nebraska)

- Having maximum strength available allows the operator to better modulate the brake for smoother and shorter stops

- All four fingers on the brake lever mean no fingers are stuck between the lever and the bar grip, which could prevent maximum lever throw and thus maximum braking force being applied resulting in longer stopping distances

- All four fingers on the brake lever also mean no fingers wrapped around the throttle, which will remove the ability of the engine to work against the brakes

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There are also times when less than four fingers can be a benefit. The last few months I have been purposefully trying different numbers of fingers to learn where this works better for me. I have found that with two fingers:

- I can cover the brake during most riding scenarios which allows good throttle control yet almost instant response to a perceived threat
- Rev matching while down shifting, especially just before entering a turn
- Faster and smoother transitions between braking and acceleration when riding becomes “spirited”
- Smoother parking lot maneuvers when more than just the foot brake is needed

Braking is a skill that you never need to use – if you never start your motorcycle. Any other time, it may be the most important skill to learn. Good braking technique is what separates a good rider from, well, breaking and becoming broken. Every ride ends in a stop. Please practice this skill, stay safe, and stay together.

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

11/9 Lily Broome

11/10 Jonathan Jones

Anniversaries

10/29 Randy & Linda Hyde

11/9 Tim & Jayne Ellen



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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.