



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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November 11 is Veterans Day where we honor everyone who served in the United States Armed Forces. For all those who have served, I thank you for your service. I am not a veteran so I cannot truly appreciate what it means to you and your family to be a veteran, but I do appreciate your service.

Please mark your calendars for our Chapter Christmas Party. It will be on Thursday, 12/4, at 6:30 at Roosters on Richmond Road. We will have our Dirty Santa gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a gender specific gift (a man's gift if you are a man and a woman's gift if you are a woman). The cost should stay between \$20 and \$25. The exchange has always been fun at past parties, and I look forward to it again this year.

Our chapter is hosting the 2026 Ride In on June 5th and 6th. The main events are 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
Iron Works/Paris Pike
KY 52 between Beattyville and Irvine

Our next chapter meeting is 11/15. As usual, we will meet at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and start the meeting at 12:00. Please come and join us.

Ride Safe,
Roger Early, Chapter Director



State News

Winter Warmup

The 2026 Winter Warmup will be held January 30th and 31st at the Historical Courthouse in Burlington, KY. The theme is the Kentucky Olympics. The Opening Ceremonies start at 6:00 on Friday night and includes a Pizza Party. Saturday's activities start at 8:00 AM and an agenda will be available later. Saturday night includes the following:

5:30pm – Team Round Up

6:00pm – Team Dinner (Catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken)

7:15pm – Lighting of the Torch the Games Begin

8:30pm – Refueling (Dessert)

8:45pm – Medal Ceremony

9:00pm – Closing Ceremonies

The registration form can be found at: <https://kyroadriders.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-Winter-Warm-Up-Registration.pdf>

A block of rooms is available at Comfort Suites Florence – Cincinnati South. The address is 5905 Merchants Street, Florence, KY, 41042, US. The rate is \$99.00 per night. There are King and double Queen rooms. They are all suites which means there is a sofa, that can become a sleeper. Included in the room rate is a full breakfast buffet. Pets are allowed and there is an indoor pool. There is also a very large area for socializing. All rooms MUST be booked before Friday, Jan 23, 2026. The Group Name for the block is KY Road Riders. To make a reservation, go to: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/AK73T5>

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 2025 OPS meeting. The purpose of the program is to encourage individuals to visit all the chapters in the state. The program runs from the 2025 OPS Meeting to the 2026 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 2026 OPS Meeting.

Roger Early

Chapter Director

Ride Coordinator Report

Hey Guys!

The end of riding season is upon us. We have no rides scheduled this season, but I am hopeful we will have some impromptu rides as the weather permits.

In the meantime, we can dream of happier days.



I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Hi Chapter C!

The holidays are upon us and we don't have many more opportunities for dinner rides in 2025.....but never fear.....I'll be planning more for 2026!!!

We had a lunch ride on Monday, October 13, followed by an actual ride! It was a beautiful day! Alan, Shea, Roger, Frank, Tim, Jayne Ellen, Mitch and Dedre enjoyed a fabulous lunch at the Beech Table Restaurant in Winchester. Unfortunately, Jayne Ellen reported recently that they have since closed. I promise that we were good that day!!!

We had a great turnout at the Parlour on Thursday, October 30. Roger, Karen, Al, Lynn, Frank, Earl, Mitch, Kathyne, Tim, Jayne Ellen, John C and Dedre enjoyed a wonderful dinner. For most of us, it was our first time, and definitely a place to return to.

John C has suggested going back to Joe Bologna's, so I scheduled it for a Monday.....and recently discovered they are closed on Mondays! I have rescheduled it for Thursday, December 11 at 6pm.

Thursday, January 1 will be our annual polar bear/hot fudge ride to Jerry's in Paris. We'll make it a lunch ride to give the temps a bit of time to improve. Let's meet there at 11am.

Hope to see you soon at a gathering or dinner ride!

Ride safe,

Dedre VanHoose

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District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Fuel Part 1

Rider education is more than just learning and practicing tips and techniques on how to handle your motorcycle to keep yourself and others safe. It is also about learning how to maintain your health and the health of your motorcycle. One of the many things that is required for good health is a fresh supply of fuel.

By definition, a fuel is:

A combustible matter used to maintain a fire to create heat or power

Something that gives nourishment

An energy source for engines, power plants, or reactors

Something that sustains or encourages

The riders and co-riders of motorcycles, most of whom are human, have varying tastes and needs when it comes to fuel to keep them healthy. But they all share one thing in common, the need for water. The adult human body is in fact up to 60% water. While not a fuel per se, water is consumed by the body and needs to be replenished on a regular basis. Fortunately, modern society provides a plethora of different sources of clean water for human consumption.

Most motorcycles produced today still use gasoline for fuel. Gasoline is a petroleum-derived product comprising a mixture of liquid aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons, ranging between C4 and C12 carbon atoms with the boiling range of 30–225°C. It is predominantly a mixture of paraffins, naphthene, aromatics and olefins. Originally gasoline was known as a byproduct of the production of kerosene and discarded by burning or dumping as waste. With the advent of the automobile, gasoline became valuable, and by 1911, more gasoline than kerosene was sold.

Today we have three main grades of gasoline typically available at retail fuel stations: regular, midgrade, and premium. The difference between the grades of gasoline is the octane rating. This rating is an indication of how well the fuel will resist spontaneous combustion inside the cylinder, also known as pre-ignition or engine knock. Some companies have different names for these grades of gasoline, like regular, unleaded, mid-grade, medium, super, premium, or super premium, but every grade will indicate the octane rating. The lowest octane rated gasoline is usually the least expensive, but that does not mean it is the best value. Vehicle manufacturers recommend the grade of gasoline for use in each model of their vehicles. Using a lower rated fuel risks engine damage, while using a higher rated fuel usually does not provide any additional performance.

In addition to the grade of motor gasoline, the formulation of gasoline may differ, depending on the location where it is sold or the season of the year. Federal and state air pollution control programs that aim to reduce carbon monoxide, smog, and air toxins require oxygenated, reformulated, and low-volatility gasoline. Some areas of the country are required to use specially formulated gasoline to reduce certain emissions, and the formulation may change during winter and summer months. These area-specific

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requirements mean that gasoline is not the same everywhere. Gasoline produced for sale in one area of the United States might not be authorized for sale in another area.

The main difference between winter- and summer-grade gasoline is vapor pressure. Gasoline vapor pressure is important for an automobile engine to work properly. During winter months, vapor pressure must be high enough for the engine to start easily. In the summer, lower vapor pressure is required in many areas to reduce air pollution.

Gasoline evaporates more easily in warm weather, releasing more volatile organic compounds that contribute to health problems and to ground-level ozone and smog. To cut down on pollution, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires petroleum refiners to reduce the vapor pressure of gasoline during the summer.

Be sure to tune in next month for Fuel Part 2.

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

11/17 Denise Harris

11/21 Jim Fields

12/13 Roy Taulbee

12/14 Karen Early

1/15 Scotty Gray

Anniversaries

11/25 Jim and Karen Fields



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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.