



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Karen and I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! We also hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our Christmas party was held on 12/4/25 and we had a great time. We had good food, even better company and a lot of laughs. I wish everyone could have attended and we missed those that could not attend. I have included a few pictures below. Here is a link to all the photos from the party:

<https://kyroadriders.org/chapterc/photos/ngallery/2025/christmas-party-12-4-25>

I want to thank everyone for participating in our various rides, dinners, meetings, chapter visits, state events, etc. throughout the year. None of these would be a success without your participation. I also want to thank the team for all they do throughout the year. I especially want to thank Jim and Dedre for arranging all our rides and dinners.

At the party, I was pleased to announce the Couple and Individual of the Year for 2026. Dedre has been selected as our Individual of the Year. We are honoring her for all the things she does for our Chapter. She is our Treasurer and our Membership Enhancement Coordinator. She sets up all of our Chapter Dinners, and I can't recall her ever missing one. She coordinates our chapter visits, especially to try to win the plaque for our chapter. At our meetings she always brings us treats. She leads the "Tell us something good!" portion of our meeting so we can celebrate everyone's good news. I have known Dedre since 2012, when I joined the chapter, and I have always been impressed with her enthusiasm for our chapter. Mike and Dedre were our Chapter Directors for 9 years and I still call Dedre for advice about our chapter. Congratulations Dedre and thank you for all you do for our chapter!



Tim and Jayne Ellen were selected as our Couple of the Year. We are honoring them for their support of the chapter by participating in our rides, meetings, dinners, chapter visits, State Events and all the other things they do for our chapter. They represent our chapter very well at the chapter visits and the State Events such as the Winter Warmup (previously known as the OPS Meeting) and the Blast. Congratulations to Tim and Jayne Ellen and thank you for all you do for our chapter!

During the party, I also took a few minutes to review the events we had for the chapter. I pulled the following information from our calendar: <https://kyroadriders.org/chapterc/events-calendar/> and our newsletters: <https://kyroadriders.org/chapterc/newsletters/>. I may have missed a few from the list and for that I apologize. I enjoyed looking back on the year and I hope you do as well.

Rides:

BBQ Barn 3/28
5 Broke Girls 4/18
Mike Linnig's 4/23
Ride to Blue Ridge Parkway to help Dedre spread Mike's ashes 4/30 to 5/2.
Back Porch BBQ 5/9
B & N Market 5/17
Yoder's Sandwich Shop 5/24
Sweetwater, TN 5/30 to 6/1
Red River Gorge 6/10
Sunset Grill 6/28
Creekside Restaurant 8/2
Portsmouth Murals 9/9
5 Broke Girls 9/27
Ride to check possible Ride In routes 10/13
State Fall Ride 10/18

Dinners:

Hot Fudge Cake on 1/1
Mancino's 1/28
Sonny's BBQ 2/10
BJ's Restaurant and Brew House 2/25
Texas Roadhouse 3/10
Pasta Garage 3/25
Cracker Barrel 4/2
BJ's Restaurant 4/24
Make Mia Pizza 5/6
Wallace Station 6/11
Sonny's BBQ 6/30
Cattleman's Roadhouse 7/29
Donato's Pizza 8/11
Brown Barrel 8/28
BJ's Restaurant 9/30
Beech Springs Table 10/13 Lunch
Parlour Pizza 10/30
Sonny's BBQ 11/10
Joe Bologna's 12/11

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Our next chapter meeting is 1/17/2026. 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 here! We have will have no rides scheduled until spring, but I am hopeful we will have some impromptu rides as the weather permits.

In the meantime, we can dream of warmer days.



I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Happy Arctic Cold Chapter C!

It's only early December and I'm already done with this cold!!! Hopefully spring will come early since winter has.

A good time was had by all at our annual Christmas party! We missed some of our regulars due to their recent surgeries. Hopefully they will be on the mend soon and back to our next gathering!

Our last dinner ride was December 11 to Joe Bologna's. Our group was small, but Tim, Jayne Ellen, John C, Jackie and Dedre had good food and great conversations! As usual, I forgot to have a picture taken!

Our next dinner ride will be Thursday, January 1 at Jerry's of Paris. It is our annual Polar Bear / Hot Fudge cake ride at 11am. I'm scheduling it a bit later to give the weather a chance to warm up for a ride afterwards. More information will come via email at the end of December.

That will be our next dinner ride unless I suffer from Chapter C withdrawals before then! I'll send a note via email if I set up something before then!

Until then, stay warm, have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Ride safe,

Dedre VanHoose

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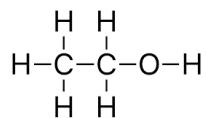
District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

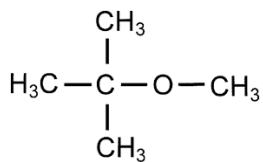
Fuel Part 2

The energy of gasoline and ethanol is stored in the Carbon-Hydrogen bond.

Ethanol's chemical formula is C_2H_5OH



Gasoline's chemical formula is C_8H_{18}



Examining the chemical formula of the two fuels clearly shows that gasoline has more energy per molecule and is one reason our motorcycles get less mileage from a gallon of standard retail gasoline with 10% ethanol than from a gallon of pure gasoline. Another reason is because the ethanol is blended with a denaturant to make it undrinkable. This chemical does not add any energy to the fuel. The amount of denaturant can be up to 2% of the volume of ethanol added.

Most gasoline available at retail pumps in the USA contains about 10% ethanol by volume. In 2023, about 330 million barrels of ethanol were blended into the 3.26 billion barrels (more than 137 billion gallons) of gasoline that were consumed.

The blending of ethanol with gasoline occurs in the United States to meet the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act and the Renewable Fuel Standard established in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. There are three general categories of ethanol-gasoline blends: E10, E15, and E85. Most retail gasoline sold in the USA is E10, which contains up to 10% ethanol. E15 is gasoline blended with up to 15% ethanol. And likewise, E85 is gasoline blended with up to 85% ethanol. The ethanol content of the gasoline is usually indicated on the pump. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, all motor vehicle engines can use E10 gasoline. However, our motorcycles, lawn mowers, side-by-sides, etc., are all considered "small engine" designs and normally are not designed to operate with E10. The ethanol in the gasoline blend can dry out seals and gaskets. The chemical denaturant left behind after evaporation can clog small orifices in the fuel system. Always check your owner's manual for the recommended fuel for your vehicle. Currently, only designated flex-fuel vehicles built after 2001 can use E15 or E85 fuels.

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.