



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Happy New Year Chapter C!

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Karen and I hope everyone has a very Happy and Healthy 2026! We hope you enjoyed some great times with family and friends over the holiday season. I'm hoping 2026 will allow all of us to get out and ride together and enjoy each other's company at our Chapter meetings, rides, and dinners. I am also hoping to see more Chapter C members at our State events such as the Winter Warm Up, the Ride In and the Blast.

If you have any ideas for our ride and dinner destinations, please contact Jim or Dedre. Jim will be meeting with the Ride Coordinator Committee to start defining our rides so please let him know soon if you have any suggestions.

Our Chapter is hosting the 2026 Ride In in June and I am hoping everyone can help with the event. We are going to need Road Captains and Tail Gunners for the rides, which are the main focus of the event. We will also need ideas for lunch stops and destinations for the rides. I have attended most of the recent Ride Ins and while the rides are the focus, it is really the people and socializing that generate the most fun and memories. At the 2024 Ride In, we had rain and a lot of people did not ride. We played games and just visited, and it was still a lot of fun.

Our next meeting is on 1/17/26. In addition to our regular meeting, we will have a meeting after our visitors leave to discuss the Ride In. I hope you can join us for both meetings. As usual we will meet at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00.

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Our first State event for 2026 is the Winter Warm Up on 1/30/26-1/31/26. It will be held at the Burlington Historical Courthouse, 2988 Washington St., Burlington, KY 41005. The theme is the Kentucky Olympics. There will be games and a pizza party on Friday night. The meeting will be held on Saturday. On Saturday night we will have dinner and the Olympics will begin. Everyone is invited. For more details, see our State website: <https://www.kyroadriders.org>.

As we start a new year, please let me know if you have any suggestions to improve our chapter. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me or anyone on our team know.

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 ride committee will meet this Saturday, January 17th 2026, 9:00 am, at Bob Evans on Richmond Road. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please have some ride destinations in mind.

The plan is to have a day long ride on the 4th Saturday of the month, a Dessert ride after the meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and an impromptu ride sometime in the first half of the month. Planned rides will begin in April, and conclude in September. We can have rides earlier and later, but they will be impromptu rides. The weather is too unpredictable to have rides set in stone in April and October.

Summer will be here before you know it!

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Happy New Year, Chapter C!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! I know I enjoyed the warmer temperatures, but we're now getting back to "normal". Those motorcycles will be parked a little longer.

We're looking forward to hosting the state Ride In June 4-6, 2026! Your team has been hard at work, but we need your input and help too. That discussion will be held after our monthly gathering this month.

We will continue to try to capture the traveling plaque wherever it is and hope you will join Tim and Jayne Ellen and me as we try to capture the Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year Mascots. It was quite the surprise and honor to be named Chapter C's Individual of the Year!

The next dinner ride will actually be a lunch ride because of the unpredictable weather. On Thursday, January 22 we will meet at Ford's Garage (140 Rojay Dr, Lexington 40503) at 12:30. It's to the left of Fayette Mall where Logan's used to be, near the cinema.

Hope to see you at our next gathering!

Ride safe,

Dedre VanHoose

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District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a nice Holiday season. I do a lot of thinking and planning from inside this time of year, due to the less than favorable weather for going and doing things outside. One of my normal goals is to not make the same mistake twice. I believe those who do not learn about the past are doomed to repeat it. So, I think about what I have done during this past year and apply what I have learned while making plans for this year.

I also like to learn about the things others have done, especially in areas of interest to me, such as motorcycling and vehicle maintenance. Examining the thought processes that others use to solve problems helps me to solve my own problems. And the internet is full of “influencers” and “bloggers” who are perfectly willing to share their experiences, both good and bad, for all to read and see. Even professional sites like **Linked in** have people willing to share stories that teach lessons. The following is one such story I find very inciteful.

A little bird was flying South for the Winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came and sh*t on him.

As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was beginning to thaw him out! He lay there all warm and happy and soon began to sing for joy.

A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung and promptly dug him out and ate him.

There are three things to take away from this story:

Not everyone who sh*ts on you is your enemy.

Not everyone who gets you out of sh*t is your friend.

And when you are in deep sh*t, you would be better served if you kept your mouth shut!

I am looking forward to another year filled with fun and discovery.

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

2/5 Karen Fields

Anniversaries

1/24 Frank & Pam Hardy

1/26 Jim & Sheri Springate



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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 Acapulco Mexican Bar & Grill, 7718 US-42, Florence, KY. Eat @ 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.