



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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It looks like we are finally getting close to some riding weather with no salt residue on the roads. The last weekend in February we finally had some beautiful weather and I got my bike out for the first time in 2026. I rode for a couple of hours on that Friday and when I got home, my face was hurting from smiling the whole time. It was great to be out on 2 wheels again.

I rode again on Saturday and had planned to ride some of the roads that I hope to make part of a ride for the Ride In. I was out for about an hour and I noticed that I had a Low Battery Voltage warning on my display. I had talked to a couple of people and told them I would probably need a new battery soon and I guess I jinxed myself. I changed plans and rode home so I could get a new battery and install it. If the Indian dealership had not closed a few months ago, I probably would have gone there to get a battery. Instead, I got online and found a battery in town. I picked up the battery and installed it. I went back out for a short ride, and the warning light was out. Hopefully it will stay that way.

We had a meeting about the Ride In after our chapter meeting in February. The meeting went well and we made more progress than I had planned. We have our Road Captains identified, and we also had some route areas identified for each one. At that meeting we once again discussed the raffle baskets that we will make available for the Ride In. We are asking for donations for the baskets. We are looking for motorcycle related items such as tools, cleaning supplies, etc. We are also hoping to put together a basket of gift cards. If you would like to donate some of these items, please bring them to one of our chapter events.

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Our next meeting is on 3/21/26. As usual we will meet at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00. I hope you can join us at the meeting and if weather permits, we will have a ride after the meeting.

Ride Safe,
Roger Early
Chapter Director

State News

2026 Ride In

The 2026 Ride In will be hosted by Chapter C, Lexington, KY. It will be held on June 5th and 6th at Immanuel Baptist Church, 4451 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509. Please check back later for more details.

The Host Hotel is the [Holiday Inn Express](#), 100 Winchester Plaza, Winchester, KY 40391. The room rate is \$159.00 + tax per night. Call 859-795-8050 to make the reservations. Please mention Kentucky Road Riders, to secure the block rate.

The host campground is the [Kentucky Horse Park Campground](#), 4089 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, Kentucky, 40511. You can make your reservations through [Reserve America](#).

2026 Blast

The 2026 Blast will be held August 13th through the 15th at General Butler State Park. The theme is “Buccaneers on Bikes”. Please check back later for more details.

2026 Riding Challenge: Around the World in Kentucky

The State Membership Enhancement Team has designed a State-wide challenge to get our members out riding and visiting various parts of the state. Everyone who wants to participate will receive a location list of 29 Kentucky cities. Each of these cities correspond to one in another country – the countries are also included on the list. The objective of the Challenge is to visit each city and snap a picture. For more information, please see the rules below.

[Around the World in Kentucky Rules](#)

[Around the World in Kentucky Locations](#)

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 2026 Winter Warm Up. The purpose of the program is to encourage individuals to visit all of the chapters in the state. The program runs from the 2026 Winter Warm Up to the 2027 Winter Warm Up. 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 of the Chapters will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the 2027 Winter Warm Up.

[Kentucky Passport](#) (contains 2 Passports per page)

Roger Early

Chapter Director

Ride Coordinator Report

Hey Guys!

I can't wait to begin the 2026 riding schedule. I took my Goldwing out last weekend and had an issue with a sticking front brake. I took it to my New Albany friend and he replaced the brake fluid, cleaned the caliper pistons, replaced the brake pads and cleaned the rotors, Hopefully that will take care of it. I also had a hitch installed for my new (to me) Lees-ure Lite camper. I hope to be able to make use of it a couple of times this year. Of course, like any used purchase, I'm having to do a few things to it, like replacing the tires, repacking the wheel bearings, replacing the mattress and getting a down comforter. I got a great deal, but on the other hand I had to drive 12 hours each way. A good deal always comes with a tradeoff.

Here are our planned rides:

March 21st, after meeting dessert ride, TBD.

March 28th, day ride Feed Mill Restaurant, Felicity OH.

April 18th, after meeting dessert ride, Cupcake Apothecary, Winchester.

April 25th. day ride, TBD.

May 8th, midweek day ride, Whistle Stop Café, Glendale.

May 16th, after meeting dessert ride, Sweet Boutique, Cynthiana.

May 23rd, day ride, Overlook Restaurant, Leavenworth, IN.

June 5th and 6th, Ride in.

June 20th, after meeting dessert ride, Blackbird Café, Harrodsburg.

June 27th, day ride (maybe overnight) Portal 31, Lynch, eat at Benham School House.

July 3rd, midweek day ride, R&S BBQ, Tompkinsville.

July 18th, after meeting dessert ride, B&N Bagdad.

July 25th, day ride, Swopes Cars of Yesteryear, Etown.

August 7th, midweek day ride, Bread of Life Café.

August 22nd, (rescheduled date) after meeting dessert ride, Bud and Cheryls, Junction City.

September 11th, midweek day ride, Fish House, Louisville.

September 19th, After meeting dessert ride, Kristens Kreations, Versailles.

September 26-27th, Overnight ride, Iron Pony, AMA Museum, Dayton OH.

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Hi Chapter C!

I picked the right week to go on vacation! It's been rainy in Lexington and the weather has been gorgeous in Arizona! I have checked Arizona off my bucket list, including the Grand Canyon and Antelope Canyon.

We had a very successful lunch ride February 17th to Texas Roadhouse! There were 16 in attendance! Alan, Shea, Roger, Jim & Karen, Jim & Sherri, Frank & Pam, Mitch & Kathryne, Earl & Lily, Tim & Jayne Ellen and me! I can remember everyone that was there.....but can't remember to take a picture!!!!

We have two more events coming up - traveling to Chapter G on March 10 to try to capture the traveling plaque and a lunch ride to Maka Mia Pizza in Winchester on March 12. Later on March 31 we will have a lunch ride to Cattlemen's Steak House in Danville. More to come for this ride - hopefully it will actually be a ride!

Please remember to send in your registration form for the June 5 and 6 Ride-In. Our chapter is sponsoring this event, so we need all hands-on deck! Come and meet folks from our other six chapters!

In the meantime, I hope to see you at an event coming up!

Dedre VanHoose
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District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Rider Education Report

March is a great month to start planning your rider education. The websites of various skill centers and training organizations start opening to schedule reservations for the year. The early classes fill up fast; it is best not to wait so you can get the dates that best fit your schedule. Because of publishing deadlines, I was unable to see many schedules but here are some companies and locations to check out if this is the year you decide to invest in your safety.

At <https://msf-usa.org/start-your-ride/basic-ridercourse/> you can input your zip code and select a mileage radius to find the Motorcycle Safety Foundation® training courses near you. I found eight locations in Kentucky:

Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	Main Campus - Lot F	<u>Skills</u> ¹	112	Contact Provider (270) 706-8700	Contact Provider (270) 706-8700	Elizabethtown	KY
Derby City Motorcycle Riders Training	J & P Cycle Parking Lot	<u>Skills</u> ¹	79	Contact Provider (502) 366-4351	Contact Provider (502) 366-4351	Louisville	KY
Kentucky Driving School	KENTUCKY DRIVING SCHOOL	<u>Skills</u> ¹	79	Contact Provider (502) 456-5266	Contact Provider (502) 456-5266	Louisville	KY
<u>Bluegrass Harley-Davidson</u> 	Bluegrass Harley-Davidson	<u>Skills</u> ¹	67	Contact Provider (502) 244-8095	Contact Provider (502) 244-8095	Louisville	KY
<u>Man O' War Harley-Davidson</u> 	Frederick Douglas High School	<u>Skills</u> ¹	70	Contact Provider (859) 253-2461	Contact Provider (859) 253-2461	Lexington	KY
SYNC Training LLC	Knott County ATV & Motorcycle Rider Training Cente	<u>Skills</u> ¹	146	Contact Provider (606) 233-0080	Contact Provider (606) 233-0080	Leburn	KY
Wildcat Harley-Davidson	Wildcat Harley-Davidson	<u>Skills</u> ¹	135	Contact Provider (407) 423-0346	Contact Provider (407) 423-0346	London	KY
Four Rivers Harley-Davidson	Riding Academy Motorcycle Range	<u>Skills</u> ¹	252	Contact Provider (270) 443-5636	Contact Provider (270) 443-5636	Paducah	KY

At <https://can-am.brp.com/on-road/us/en/learn-to-ride/registration.html> you can access the Can-Am training courses. In Kentucky they have three locations: Bowling Green, Louisville, and Walton.

For more advanced courses (police motor officer skills for all riders), Pro Rider has a Richmond KY location. You can view their website at <https://www.proriderrichmond.com/> and they are taking registrations as I write this.

The Kentucky Road Riders is also organizing an on-bike training course for two and three wheeled bikes in April this year. Details to follow.

Rick 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

Al Ervin 3/31

Anniversaries

None



4129 Lexington Road,
Paris, KY 40361

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.