



# Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



## April 2026

Greetings Chapter C!

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Karen and I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Easter. We hope you spent some time with family. One of our grandsons tested positive for the flu and strep throat so we did not get to celebrate with them. Evidently, someone brought it to school and to his class. On Good Friday they had 23 out of 29 students out from his class.

I have some important news to announce. I have traded in my Indian Springfield and bought a 2025 Gold Wing from Honda Powersports in Chattanooga. They offered a really good deal and said the Indian would sell quick. The sale went final on 4/1/2026. Ok, hopefully you noticed the date was April Fools Day. April Fools! I did not sell my Indian Springfield! I'm curious to see if anyone really believed me.

Hopefully, Spring is here to stay, and we can get out and enjoy some rides. I have been on a few solo rides and I am hoping to start having some impromptu rides during the week as the weather allows. I enjoyed riding to Cattleman's Roadhouse in Danville on 3/31. We had a small group, but we enjoyed good food and even better friends. It was a windy day, but I still enjoyed the ride, especially the ride home on US68 and the curves by the river.

The 2026 Ride In will be here before you know it. I hope you have sent in your registration and are planning to attend. We're still collecting items for our raffle baskets so if you have a gift card or a motorcycle-related item you would like to donate, please bring them to one of our events.

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During one of the discussions at the Winter Warm Up, people suggested we have a State Camping Trip. Rick discussed this in our March Meeting. Leah tried to find a State Park to hold the event but most of the lodges are under renovation. She has decided to have it in Cave City.

You do not have to be a camper to participate in the event. The two hotels next to the campground are where we used to stay when the Blast was held in Cave City. I am sure there is a lot of good riding in the area and Rick plans to try to hit some of the locations in the State Riding Challenge that are in that area. For more information, please go to <https://kyroadriders.org/>.

Our next meeting will be on 4/18/26. As usual, we will meet at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00. Weather permitting, we will ride to the Cupcake Apothecary (<https://www.facebook.com/CupcakeApothecaryLLC/>) in Winchester for some dessert. Please come join us for the meeting and the ride.

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](#).

## State Camping/Hotel Trip

At the Winter Warm Up, a suggestion was made to have a State Camping Trip. You do not have to be a camper to participate. There are hotels very close to the campground. This event is in Cave City, the site of the Blast a few years ago. There will be some riding opportunities. Some of the locations on the Around the World in Kentucky Riding Challenge are possible destinations.

Campground:

Cave City RV Campground  
216 Gaunce Dr.  
Cave City, KY 42127  
270-773-4678

The campground is holding a block of campsites for us. Please call to make your reservations and mention Kentucky Road Riders. The rate is \$58.50 per night. Two motorcycle campers can share a site. Only one person should call to make the reservation. The block will only be held until April 11th. The only reason there is a block is because half the campground is already booked.

Two Hotels are right next to the campground.

Hampton Inn Cave City  
803 Sanders St  
Cave City, KY 42127  
270-773-7300

Rates start at \$180 per night

Comfort Inn & Suites Cave City  
819 Sanders St  
Cave City, KY 42127  
270-261-4053

Rates start at \$137.00 per night

No blocks are reserved, so you will need to make your own reservation.

## **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!

April has been a busy month. I haven't been able to ride as much as I hoped. Last month I had the Wing serviced, and this month was Bucksnot's (my Harley) turn. I hope things slow down at work so I can do some impromptu rides.

Here are our planned rides:

May 8<sup>th</sup>, midweek day ride, Whistle Stop Café, Glendale.

May 16<sup>th</sup>, after meeting dessert ride, Sweet Boutique, Cynthiana.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, day ride, Overlook Restaurant, Leavenworth, IN.

June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, Ride in.

June 20<sup>th</sup>, after meeting dessert ride, Blackbird Café, Harrodsburg.

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

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, midweek day ride, R&S BBQ, Tompkinsville.

July 18<sup>th</sup>, after meeting dessert ride, B&N Bagdad.

July 25<sup>th</sup>, day ride, Swopes Cars of Yesteryear, Etown.

August 7<sup>th</sup>, midweek day ride, Bread of Life Café.

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

September 11<sup>th</sup>, midweek day ride, Fish House, Louisville.

September 19<sup>th</sup>, After meeting dessert ride, Kristens Kreations, Versailles.

September 26-27<sup>th</sup>, Overnight ride, Iron Pony, AMA Museum, Dayton OH.

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

## Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Happy June, Chapter C!

Yes, I know the calendar says April, but the weather sure feels like June! I saw where Roger posted an impromptu ride, so I hope everyone is getting some bike time in!

We had two lunch rides in March – 9 of us enjoyed lunch at Maka Mia Pizza in Winchester. The other lunch ride was to Cattleman's in Danville. It was a good day to ride, but I was not able to make it due to some family issues.

Our next dinner ride will also be at lunch – Tuesday, April 28 at 12:30 to Heavens to Betsy in Lawrenceburg. (116 S. Main St) As usual, I'll send an email the week before for you to respond to.

We've got some fun things planned for the ride-in and more hands to help are always welcome! Be sure to send in your registration so we can have a good nose count for the catered dinner on Friday. We also need to know if you're coming to Ramsey's on Thursday.

See you soon at our next gathering!

Dedre VanHoose  
859-229-5859

Cattleman's Roadhouse





## District Educator Report

### **Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator**

#### Rider Education Report

Many new things start in the month of April. In our part of the country, flora and fauna both begin to appear for this year's growing season. The world of motorcycling is no different. And this year we find news that may interest us all.

Honda is filing a patent request for an adaptive cruise control. You know, the kind like in many new cars that can sense the speed of the vehicle ahead and adjust to keep a set following distance without driver input. They have been experimenting with electrically assisted steering. They currently have the most advanced automatic transmission in motorcycling. And there are also rumors that they have a joint project with the Segway company, the self-balancing scooter that tourists and police officers use in urban environments.

What could all this mean for the Gold Wing? With their target market being the long-distance touring crowd, I propose that Honda will introduce the first self-driving motorcycle. Can you imagine our next group ride? We all get out on the interstate, set the cruise control, lean back, and start texting with family and friends, watching movies, or catching up on business emails. Think of the efficiency!

The Kentucky Road Riders is also organizing an on-bike training course for two and three wheeled bikes in May 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**

**Anniversaries**

NONE

5/5 Earl & Lily Broome



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.**