



# Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



## May 2026



Greetings Chapter C!

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Greetings Chapter C!

This is our last newsletter before we host the 2026 Ride In on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We will start on Thursday night with a dinner at Ramsey's Diner in Andover. We are having dinner at 6:00. I hope you can attend. Chapter Y will have their meeting which will give us a chance to meet some of their members since they are not as close as some of the other chapters.

As with all of our State events, the socializing at the events is one of the main attractions. It gives everyone a chance to make friends from other chapters. This includes the opportunity to ride with folks from other chapters and enjoy time off the bikes with them. I hope you will plan to attend. If you have not sent in your registration yet, here is a link to the form:

<https://kyroadriders.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-KY-Ride-In-Registration-Form.pdf>

I want to thank everyone who contributed items for our raffle baskets. It's not too late, if you have gift cards or motorcycle-related items such as tools, cleaning materials, etc. you can still bring them to one of our events.

I also want to thank Alan for teaching a Road Captain class after our April meeting. Mitch, Frank, Tim, Jayne Ellen, Randy and I attended. All of the trained people will be leading a ride or taking on the role of the Tail Gunner. Thanks to all those that attended.

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Many thanks to Jim, Frank, Mitch, Tim and Jayne Ellen for agreeing to plan and lead a ride on Friday and Saturday at the Ride In. Thanks also to Dedre for setting up a Tour of the Toyota facility.

We will have 4 self-guided rides. We have one going to Lawrenceburg to the Wild Turkey and Four Roses distilleries. Another one goes to the Woodford Reserve and Castle and Key distilleries. We also have one going to the Valley View Ferry with an optional trip to Buc-ees. The final one visits 5 covered bridges with a stop at Yoder's Dinner Bell Market in Flemingsburg. I have not ridden all of these yet but hope to do so before the Ride In. If I get the chance to plan ahead, I'll send a note to the chapter to see if anyone wants to join me.

One more thing we need for the Ride In is good weather. Please keep hoping and praying that Mother Nature cooperates.

The State is planning a Riders Course on May 30 at the Indian Motorcycle Dealership in Walton, Ky. As I get more details, I will pass them along.

Our next meeting will be on 5/16/26. 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 for some dessert, location to be announced. 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!

We had a fun ride to Glendale and dined at the Whistle Stop Café. After the meeting Saturday we will go on a dessert run, weather permitting. Our next scheduled ride will be at the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth Indiana, with a stop at Huber Winery on the way home. We will meet at the BP formerly known as Hill of Beans on the 127 bypass in Lawrenceburg. This will be a joint ride with the Vulcan group. I will post details on the Facebook page one day next week.

Here are our planned rides:

May 16<sup>th</sup>, after meeting dessert ride, TBA.

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

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

Whistle Stop



## Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Happy May Chapter C!

We've had some decent weather recently that I hope you've had a chance to get out and ride! And some days were pretty chilly too!

We were scheduled to have a lunch ride at the end of April to Heaven's to Betsy in Lawrenceburg. Many people already had plans so I have rescheduled it to Tuesday, May 12 at 12:30pm. Watch for an email and reply to it.

The ride-in will be here before you know it on June 4-6! June 4 is a dinner at Ramsey's in Andover. **Please bring cash for your dinner!** Because we are a large group, we will be eating from a set menu of choices. Please come and provide Chapter C hospitality to our out of town friends!

Friday and Saturday will offer the same 5 guided rides each day. There will also be some self-guided rides as the guided rides will be limited to 8 bikes. Each ride offers a lunch stop. Other chapters will have first dibs on the Toyota plant tour but sign up anyway. If there is enough interest, I will arrange a Chapter C tour.

Your registration for the ride in includes a catered dinner from Sonny's on Friday night. There is no meal for Saturday.

During the ride in Chapter Y and Chapter K will both have their monthly meetings. If you have a passport they can be signed by both chapters and you'll be on your way to winning a prize.

Hope to see you at our next chapter meeting on Saturday, May 16!

Dedre VanHoose

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# District Educator Report

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

### Rider Education Report

This month we are planning a training on May 30, 2026, at the Indian / KTM dealer in Walton, KY.

I am hoping that there is a large interest in this training, such that we fill the class and have enough inquiries to force a second (or third) training date to be made. I have heard several, and can think of other, reasons why many do not want to participate in the various training being offered, especially the on-bike courses. I would like to explain why I believe the same reasons people express not to participate are in actuality the reasons why they should embrace the training.

Training courses that practice basic skill sets are a form of rote learning. Wikipedia gives us the following definition: *“Rote learning is a memorization technique based on repetition. The method rests on the premise that the recall of repeated material becomes faster the more one repeats it.”* It is true that the on-bike training courses in which I have participated have all basically, if not completely, utilized the same exercises in every instance. This is probably the same experience that you have had. And in fact, the training course being planned for May 30 will indeed use the same exercises as in the past from the “Sunny-side Up” course. Repeating the same training exercises is an example of rote learning. It is meant to reinforce what was learned in the past and potentially what may have been forgotten since the last training experience.

In school, rote learning was used for things like multiplication and division, verb tenses, spelling, and such. It was usually associated with a test, usually in written form, which gave students a goal to achieve and the means to measure their success. Motorcycle training exercises in a controlled environment are a form of rote learning which I believe to be important. I understand that practicing on a closed course, especially when people are watching, can feel like a test but I would suggest that people are always watching every move we make when we are out riding. This means that every day we ride, we take a test. During the training day, you may be pulled aside and offered some advice or constructive criticism, but there will be no formal test. Normally, nothing serious will happen and everyone will be dismissed to go home. During a ride, like a commute to work, or for ice cream, or wherever, there (hopefully) will be no one to pull you aside if you make a small mistake or otherwise not perform your best. But I argue that every ride is a test, with a pass or fail score. And when you make it to the end of that ride, you know the score.

One other thing that participating in on-bike training on a regular basis will provide is a consistent set of experiences you can use for comparison. I would suggest that many riders, including me, are not realistically able to compare and properly evaluate their day-to-day riding. This is because every ride has constantly changing variables that make it unique from any other ride. An on-bike training course that uses the same exercises on the same measured course has only one real variable – you. Any difference you notice, or the trainer/observer advises, is because of you. For me, this is valuable information that I can use to evaluate my ability to continue to ride and do so safely.

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

5/19 – John Connor  
5/20 – Randy Hyde  
5/26 – Linda Hyde  
5/29 - Roy Browning  
6/1 – Dedre VanHoose  
6/5 – Lynn Ervin  
6/12 – Tim Mourning  
6/18 – Kathyne Lawrence

## Anniversaries

5/26 Roy and Wanda Browning  
5/30 Tim Wiseman



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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.**