



# Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



## June 2026



Greetings Chapter C!

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I am writing this the day after our very successful 2026 Ride In. Based on all the comments I heard, everyone considered the Ride In a huge success. Each Chapter that has hosted the Ride In have done a great job and we can be proud that we have joined their company as having hosted an awesome event. We were more fortunate than others as far as the weather. We had two great days of riding, and every ride made it safely back to the church.

To see photos from the Ride In, please go to: <https://kyroadriders.org/photos-page/nggallery/2026-ride-in>

I am going to try to use this article to thank the many people who helped make the Ride In a success. I apologize upfront if I mistakenly leave someone or some tasks out. Please know that I am grateful for everyone and everything that was done to help make the event special.

I'll start at the beginning. The first big challenge was to find a location that would not be too expensive. That question was answered quickly when Mitch offered the gym at Immanuel Baptist Church on Winchester Road. He invited us to meet him there to see the gym. Mitch, Dedre, Jeff, Karen and I were impressed and thought it would be a great place to hold the Ride In. Thanks Mitch for helping us quickly find a location that proved to be a fantastic choice.

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As we were leaving the gym, Dedre asked if we wanted to go with her and review the hotels along Winchester Road so we could submit some recommendations to Rick and Leah for a host hotel. Dedre, Jeff, Karen and I visited several hotels and Dedre took lots of notes and then put her notes in a spreadsheet that we could use to help compare the hotels. Unfortunately, the prices for hotels increased due to the Railbird Music Festival so we shifted our focus to hotels in Winchester. Tim, Jayne Ellen, Karen and I visited a few hotels in Winchester and ended up recommending the Holiday Inn Express. I heard from several people that the hotel was a wise choice. Thanks to everyone who helped choose a hotel. Rick and Leah handled booking the rooms for the Ride In.

We needed to find a restaurant for a dinner on Thursday night and a caterer for Friday night. Dedre contacted Sonny's BBQ and worked with them to set up the catered dinner for Friday night. She worked out a price that was reasonable and even included the delivery. The dinner was great and we had plenty of food. The fact that they delivered made it very convenient for the Ride In. Thanks to Dedre for all her work getting the Friday dinner arranged.

For the Thursday dinner, we had several people join us at Ramsey's in Andover to review their patio as a possible place to hold our Thursday dinner. We were all in agreement that the patio would be a good place for our dinner and we booked the date and time before we left Ramsey's. Thanks to everyone who showed up at Ramsey's that day to help us review their patio. The dinner was well attended and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship on Thursday night.

The State tries to at least break even on the State events and one way they raise money is through raffling baskets that are created by the host chapter. We asked the chapter to donate items for the baskets and the response was great. Karen collected the items and used her crafty talents to create some very attractive baskets. We provided 5 baskets. The State kept the proceeds from 4 of the baskets and our chapter received \$200 from the basket designated as our Chapter Basket. The State also donated 2 baskets, so we had raffles for 6 baskets for the State and one for our chapter. During the drawings for the baskets, Dedre won the Chapter Basket, Mitch won 2 of the State baskets and Gerry won one of the State baskets. So, we provided 5 baskets and members of our chapter won 4 of the 7 baskets that were raffled off. It worked out well for Chapter C. Thanks to everyone who donated items and thanks to Karen for arranging and decorating the baskets.

Alan was asked to teach a Road Captain course so we could have more Road Captains and Tail Gunners for the Ride In. The class was attended by Frank, Mitch, Randy, Tim, Jayne Ellen and me. Alan did a great job teaching the class, thanks Alan! Our chapter now has more trained Road Captains and Tail Gunners that Jim can count on if he needs help with rides.

Mitch, Jim, Frank, Tim & Jayne Ellen, and I put together some rides that we would lead for the Ride In. We had one meeting about it and walked out of that meeting with 5 rides tentatively planned. Tim and Jayne Ellen picked the Nada Tunnel and Red River Gorge area. Jim picked horse farms in the Versailles area. Frank originally picked a ride to the Amish restaurant in Flemingsburg but after a chapter ride to the Blackbird Café in Harrodsburg, he changed his route to Harrodsburg. Mitch picked a ride in the Daniel Boone National Forest. I picked a ride to visit horse farms north of Lexington. All our rides evolved over time and each of us spent time pre-riding them and making adjustments as needed. The only complaint I heard was we provided so many choices, people had a hard time deciding which ride to join. Thanks Jim, Mitch, Frank, Tim and Jayne Ellen for your efforts on the rides. Thanks to Alan, Randy and Linda for their willingness to be tail gunners on the rides. I also want to thank Dan who helped me pre-ride my ride.

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I heard several people talk about how well their rides went and even more comments about the beautiful riding we have in our area. My ride went on roads that I used to take on my ride home from work. This included Old Frankfort Pike, Pisgah Pike and Bowmans Mill. I had grown accustomed to the scenery and took it for granted. Getting to share the scenery with others on the Ride In helped me to appreciate the beauty we have in our area.

Dedre put together a tour of the Toyota Factory for Friday. The tour could handle 16 people and she had all 16 slots filled. I heard several good comments about the tour. Thanks Dedre for putting that together!

We needed some snacks and desserts for the Ride In. Dedre, Karen, Shea, Jayne Ellen, and Kathyne provided some delicious snacks and desserts for everyone to enjoy. Karen picked up 3 dozen donuts for both Friday and Saturday. Dedre picked up the ice cream that we enjoyed after the rides on Saturday. The State paid for the donuts and ice cream but the snacks and desserts were donated. Thanks to Karen, Dedre, Shea, Jayne Ellen and Kathyne for your delicious treats.

Finally, I want to once again thank everyone for everything that was done to make the Ride In a huge success.

The 2027 Ride In will be in the Elizabethtown area and will be hosted by the State Team. More details will be provided later.

Our next meeting will be on 6/20/26. 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 Blackbird Café in Harrodsburg (<https://cafeblackbird.com/>). Please come join us for the meeting and the ride.

Ride Safe,  
Roger Early  
Chapter Director

## State News

### **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!

Our Overlook restaurant ride was, unfortunately, rained out. We had several rides going the week of the ride in. Roger did a great job putting all the pieces together, and the chapter really came together to host some outstanding rides.

Our next ride is an after meeting dessert ride to Blackbird Café in Harrodsburg. On June 27th, we will be making a long day ride to Portal 31, Lynch, KY where we will dine at the Benham school House.

Here are our planned rides:

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

June 27<sup>th</sup>, day ride 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 desert 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

Greetings Chapter C!

It's finally feeling like summer! I hope everyone has been able to get some good rides in!

The Ride-In is now in the rear-view mirror. We had someone from each of our chapters and a good time was had by all. Good rides, good food and finally – great weather! (Let's just say the last two were a little on the soggy side!) I hope meeting new friends will also encourage more Chapter C participants at the Blast in August and Chapter Visitation!

The Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year mascots were also at the Ride-in. Tim, Jayne Ellen and I tried for them, but were not successful. The Couple Mascot is now with Chapter K in Henderson and the Individual Mascot is at Chapter Y in Mayfield. I'm heading to Mayfield on 7/2 if anyone wants to join me!

I'll be calling Toyota this week to set up a tour for Chapter C. They warned me that they were booked up for the summer, but I'll keep you posted on the available dates. I'm also going to book one at Ale-8 this year too.

Even though it's now riding season, I'm still going to book some lunch rides for us! Watch your email for an upcoming opportunity!

See you at our next gathering!!

Dedre VanHoose

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# District Educator Report

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

Tool. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you see this word? Until sometime around 2008, my first thought would have been Sears Craftsman. Why? Because at that time it was still a brand that offered items made in the USA of decent quality at a reasonable price, many with a lifetime guarantee, and often on sale. And you could also find some specialty tools of other brands in their catalog that would make the job easier and “done right”. But as my familiarity with the internet, the complexity of my projects, my understanding of code compliance, and especially my day job responsibilities have grown, my first thoughts have changed. My initial reaction to the word tool is now completely dependent on the context in which it appears.

When the context is my day job, software applications are the tools that come to mind. My favorite tool is the drawing software I use to develop the radio control transmitter layouts and receiver wiring diagrams. The drawings I make with this tool become the instruction set (another tool) used by the technicians to assemble the parts that become the radio system (another tool) our customers will use to operate their machines. Our drawing software requires training to learn how the different mouse movements and keystrokes affect manipulation of the images on the screen. Additional training allows us to stay up to date on changes and improvements in the refinement of the software and advances in our product. Without continued training, new product developments and features would be impossible to implement.

When the context is yard maintenance, I think of lawn mowers, weed eaters, and leaf blowers. These tools also require some training, usually what can be learned from the operators’ manuals and repetitious use, to become efficient in their use and care. Things like safety interlocks, speed settings, and maintenance tasks all need to be learned and practiced allowing for fast, safe and efficient operation. Additionally, suggested safety gear like sturdy footwear and the use of eye and hearing protection allow for safe and comfortable operation.

In the context of motorcycling, the first tool that comes to mind is the bike itself. A motorcycle helps us travel from one place to another quickly and with less effort than walking. Riding safely and keeping the motorcycle under control require training and practice. Operator manuals explain how to use the bike’s performance and convenience features properly. Regular riding helps build familiarity with the machine, making each ride safer, more enjoyable, and more rewarding. Motorcycle specific training courses provide additional skill enhancement to improve operation and safety. Motorcyclists can use tools like online research and conversations with other riders to better understand best practices and how to use their motorcycles effectively and safely. Riding gear like helmets, boots, jackets, and gloves are tools we can use to make the ride more comfortable and enjoyable.

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

6/27 Gerry Harris

6/28 Shea Ernest

## Anniversaries

6/27 – Jonathan and Connie Jones

6/28 – Al and Lynn Ervin



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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.**