



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



Greetings Chapter C!

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As I write this, the weather has turned hot and humid. I much prefer cooler weather over this extreme heat. I realize summer is just getting started but I hope we get some early fall weather.

For those of you who missed our June meeting, when Dedre asked us to "Tell Me Something Good", I announced that I was the proud and somewhat frustrated owner of a new Silver 2025 Honda Gold Wing. If you read our April newsletter you might recall that I had an April Fool's Joke where I said I traded my Indian Springfield on a Gold Wing on 4/1/26. That put the thought in the back of my mind and after seeing all the wonderful Gold Wings at the Ride In, I decided to give Southern Powersports in Chattanooga a try. I got online and sent them information about my bike and told them what I was interested in. I started with them because I had heard they were the largest Gold Wing dealership in the country. I was hoping they would make me a great offer. I know they are in business to make money but I was very disappointed with their first response. They gave me a low offer on my trade in and only offered MSRP on the Gold Wing. I didn't respond for a few days and when I was contacted by the salesman, he asked what I needed to get me to come to their dealership. I asked for more for my trade in and a better price on the Gold Wing. He added \$500 to my trade value and said he had a coupon for \$1000 off the Gold Wing. That was not enough to get me to take the trip to Chattanooga. Again, I understand these negotiations can take a few rounds and I really had not told him what I needed so I understand why he would not lead with his best deal. They need to make money to stay in business.

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As I was contemplating my next step, I saw an ad on Facebook from Powersports of America in Paducah. They had three 2025 Gold Wings with prices marked similar to what I remember seeing Southern Powersports offering during their Gold Wings and Glizzys event in late March. I contacted the Paducah dealership, and they made me an acceptable offer on the Springfield contingent on them doing a final evaluation of the bike. I put a deposit on their Silver 2025 Gold Wing and they took it out of the ad. On Friday, 6/19/26, I rode my Springfield to Paducah. They did an evaluation and got me on the road back to Lexington.

I had to return to the dealer for an issue with the Tire Pressure Monitoring System. I'm not sure what they did to fix it. That put me on the road home later than I had hoped. I stayed on back roads for about half of the trip and then hopped on the Western Kentucky Parkway and then the Bluegrass Parkway back to home. To help with the engine break in, they recommend not driving at the same speed for a long time. I varied my speed as if I was in the back of a group ride. If you've been there, I'm sure you know what I mean.

The only issue I had on the trip home was the stock seat. I heard that it was not a comfortable seat and I totally understand. I bought a gel pad that I hope will help.

My plan was to ride to the meeting on Saturday and surprise everyone with the new bike. Unfortunately, I started down the street and received a low tire warning (at least I know the system works now!). I parked the bike and went to the meeting in my Jeep. After the meeting, I checked the rear tire for any foreign objects (it's great to have a center stand again!) and was happy that I did not see any. I checked the tire pressure and it was down to 35 PSI. I pumped it up to 41 PSI and met Jim, John and Dan at the Blackbird Café in Harrodsburg. I checked the tire again on Sunday morning and it was fine.

I look forward to putting many more miles on the Gold Wing.

The State Rally, The Blast, is next month, 8/13 to 8/15. The theme is "Buccaneers on Bikes A Pirates Voyage". For more information, please go to: <https://kyroadriders.org/>. I hope you are making plans to attend.

Our next meeting will be on 7/18/26. 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 B&N Market in Bagdad after the meeting, 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!

The weather has put a crimp in our riding this summer. I'm about sick of the rain and heat combination. After our last meeting we had a good ride to Blackbird Café in Harrodsburg. Roger met us and showed off his new Goldwing. It sure is a beauty!

Our next ride is an after meeting dessert run to B&N in Bagdad. Maybe we can get a photo with Buckshot!

Our next scheduled ride was Swopes cars of Yesteryear, but I am going to postpone Swopes and revisit our R&S BBQ in Tompkinsville ride that was previously cancelled. I like BBQ more than old cars.

Here are our planned rides:

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

July 25th, day ride, R&S BBQ, Tompkinsville.

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

Happy July Chapter C!

It's hard to believe the year is more than half over! The older I get the more time flies! Or maybe it's being mostly retired.....

Four of us enjoyed a last minute lunch ride at Don Pedros in Lawrenceburg on July 8. John Conner was back in town and Jim S, Earl and Dedre enjoyed catching up with him.

Our next lunch ride will be on Tuesday, July 28. We will enjoy the pizza buffet at Giovanni's in Versailles at 1:00pm. Look for an email closer to that date!

Beavis, the Individual of the Year mascot, will be at Chapter C for our next gathering. Debi from Chapter K won him at the Chapter Y gathering and gave him to me to be awarded at our meeting. Unfortunately, I won't be there to win him! Maybe he will be a the Blast for me to try again!

I will be out of town for our next gathering, but Tim and Jayne Ellen will be there in my place. I will be there in spirit!

Don't forget to register for and attend the Blast at General Butler in Carrolton, KY. It will be a fun, fun time!!!!

Until next time, be safe!

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Membership Enhancement Coordinator and Chapter Individual of the Year

District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Rider Education Report

The KRR Spring Training went well, I think. Three members on trikes participated in all the exercises. The total time on the field was about 4.5 hours. Everyone seems pleased to be able to have the opportunity to practice their skills in a safe environment. And in between exercises there was good discussion about how to best navigate the course.

As previously stated, the KRR Team is willing to bring this opportunity to a location more convenient for you. We will need a relatively flat, clean, and obstacle free paved space of at least 120 ft by 180 ft (bigger is better). A location with a restroom and shade is also good. We will provide the cones, measuring tape, and marking chalk to set up the exercises.

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

8/2 – Tim Wiseman

8/9 – Jayne Ellen Mourning

8/11 – Jeff Sullivan

Anniversaries

8/19 – Alan & Shea Ernest



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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.