



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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It seems like every time we have good riding weather, I am not available to ride. We have had some family events and I try to put family first over riding. I have also had a couple of issues with the bike that have kept me from riding. I am hoping for some good riding soon. If I can ride, I'll try to put an impromptu ride together and hope you can join me.

The State Rally, The Blast, is 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. I keep hearing that the Friday night dinner and the event after dinner will be a great time. There will be games and music. The games will allow everyone to collect tickets that will be used to raffle off some prizes. Last year's Friday night will be hard to beat but I am confident this year will be a "Blast". (I know, excuse the pun!)

Our next meeting will be on 8/22/26. It is a week later due to the Blast. 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 Bud and Cheryl's Ice Cream in Danville after the meeting. Please come join us for the meeting and the ride.

Ride Safe,

Roger Early
Chapter Director



State News

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!

On July 18th we had an after meeting dessert ride to Hoggy's in Frankfort. We had a little rain, but nothing serious. On July 25th we had a day ride to R & S BBQ in Tompkinsville, and later stopped for ice cream in Burkesville at Tastee Foods.. As usual, R&S delivered. Great BBQ. And the ice cream in Burkesville wasn't bad either. On August 7th Roger led a ride to Bread of Live Café. We had to navigate some cool small roads in order to stay away from the 127 Yard sale traffic. On the way home, we waited in Perryville until a storm moved through along our route of travel. We slipped between 2 squall lines and arrived home dry. We have had to be a little more adventuresome with our weather forecasts and riding this summer. If we want to ride, we have had to accept a little more rain risk than in past years. So far we have been pretty lucky.

Our next ride is an after meeting dessert run to Bud and Cheryls in Junction City.

Our next scheduled day ride is the Fish House in Louisville. Maybe we can hit B&N in Bagdad for some dessert on the way home.

Here are our planned rides:

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!

I missed seeing you at our July gathering! It definitely makes for a weird month for me when I miss our gathering.

Our gathering this month is delayed due to the Blast. It will be August 22 this month instead of the 15th. But I hope to see you at the Blast! This should be the last one at General Butler, so come and enjoy the rides!

Eight of us enjoyed the good food and great company at Giovanni's last month. I was very grateful to be there instead of a work picnic.....my second line boss exposed my department to Covid! We even have a picture this time!!! And I remembered!!!

I did forget to get suggestions for our next lunch location however! On Tuesday, September 1 we will meet at Fords Garage near Fayette Mall at 1pm. That was one of the best attended lunches that we have had, so we'll go back. I've also seen where they have a lunch special now.

Looking forward to seeing you at an event soon!!

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Chapter Individual of the Year



District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Rider Education Report

Recently I was asked “why do I ride motorcycles?” which got me thinking. And July offered much time to think about it as I was very busy doing a lot of riding. I think for me, it is the journey more than the destination. Many times, I have reached a planned destination, only to find it looks just like it was pictured on the internet, or the magazine article. Some of the destinations of course, like the view from Mount Blue Sky, Colorado, are impossible to truly appreciate in pictures, but the overall view was the same.

What was not the same was the journey to get there. Descriptions of the ride are interpretations of the author, and each person has a different view, or presumption, or attitude, or goal, which affects their perspective and the effect on their experience. Any number of things can happen at any time during any journey. Being prepared for all of them is usually outside the scope of motorcycling but preparing for them we still must. I find there is a short list of equipment that covers a very long list of possibilities.

I am certain you know some of the equipment that I am about to recommend, and maybe even own some or all of it. A first aid kit because, well, you just never know when you or someone you meet on your journey may need exactly what you have. I have used the first aid kit I carry more times to help strangers than I have used it for myself. A good rain suit keeps you dry when the weather gets wet, and because they tend to be wind proof and offer another layer, can keep you warm when the weather turns cold, or when you climb above 12,000 feet. A small tool kit like the one Honda includes in the many variations of Gold Wing to tighten up your nuts and bolts and help you keep everything together. A tire repair kit and a small electric air pump can keep you rolling when providence is otherwise trying to flatten your mood. A small flashlight to brighten a dark moment, and a small multimeter to troubleshoot an inconvenient electrical issue. And finally, a roll of some sort of strong and sticky material to keep everything together when fasteners are missing or never existed in the first place.

When we traveled to Greenville for Wing Ding 35, I found that I needed to make a temporary repair on my brake lever to keep the brake lights functioning properly. I stopped at a convenience store and bought a small roll of duct tape, which did what I needed it to do, and we made it home without any additional drama. Over time, that roll of tape has helped several riders fix what was broken long enough to get home safely. When the last few feet were removed from the roll, I found an even better replacement product. Walmart sells T-Rex tape, a *ferociously strong tape*® that surprised me with its quality. This is sold as a duct tape but does not include the usual woven fibers of standard duct tape. But it is a very strong acrylic material and will stretch quite a bit to help you get a good seal on whatever odd shape you are trying to keep together. The adhesive is quite tacky and sticks strongly to a variety of smooth surfaces and is very weather resistant. If you see me on my Gold Wing, and are curious about T-Rex tape, ask me, I'll show you my roll.

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

9/11 – Jim Springate

Anniversaries

9/5 – Roger & Karen Early

9/9 – Mitch & Kathryne Lawrence



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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.