



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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Karen and I had a great time at the Blast in August. We went to General Butler State Park on Wednesday to help the State Team set up for the event. I drove the Jeep because the forecast called for storms. After we finished setting up, we enjoyed dinner at the park's restaurant with the rest of the team.

I drove home Thursday morning and rode my bike back to the Blast. I told Bruce Hensley, our State Ride Coordinator, that I would lead a ride on Friday and Saturday morning, so I needed to get the bike. I rode to the Blast, topped off my tank and parked the bike at the lodge for the night. Since Karen had her car there, we used it to get around so the bike stayed covered. We drove to dinner that night and I was glad we had the car because soon after we entered the restaurant the clouds opened up and we got some heavy rain. We were at Hometown Pizza with the rest of the Blast attendees and fortunately, the rain stopped before we left.

I led a ride to Doughdaddy's Donuts in Versailles on Friday morning. I had a couple from Pennsylvania join me on the ride. They came to the Blast on a GL1500 with a sidecar. We enjoyed the ride and made it back to the Blast before it got too hot. Once again, I topped off the tank, parked the bike and covered it up just in case we did get some rain.

Friday night, we had a buffet dinner and then the Pirate Games began. It was a fun night. The Blast Committee did an awesome job with the decorations and the games. Everyone had a wonderful time. A lot of people dressed in pirate costumes. If you want to see photos of the costumes, go to:

<https://kyroadriders.org/photos-page/nggallery/2026-blast/2026-pirate-costumes>



For me, the highlight of the night was when they announced the 2026 State Individual Year and the 2026 State Couple of the Year. Dedre was selected as the Individual of the Year and Tim and Jayne Ellen were selected as the Couple of the Year. I think they will enjoy their roles, and it will be great working with them as part of the State Team.

Unfortunately, I started feeling bad just as the dinner and games were ending. I felt bad most of Friday night. I knew Jim Springate was planning to come to the Blast and join my ride, so I contacted him early Saturday morning and asked him to lead my ride. He agreed and he had two other bikes join him on the ride. I really appreciate Jim bailing me out because I was feeling better, but I don't think I would have enjoyed the ride.



At the closing on Saturday, Chapter C won the State Travelling Plaque. This would not have been possible if Tim and Jane Ellen had not won the plaque on some of their visits to Chapter G. At our August meeting, Tim and Jayne Ellen were given the plaque that they helped win.



The Blast seems to get better each year. I had a great time even with feeling bad Friday night and part of Saturday. If you want to see more pictures from the Blast, please go to:

<https://kyroadriders.org/photos-page/nggallery/2026-blast>

The 2027 Blast will be held at the Cave Are Convention Center in Cave City. For more information, please visit the State website: <https://kyroadriders.org/>

Our next meeting will be on 9/19/26. 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 [Kristen's Kreations](#) in Versailles after the meeting. Please come join us for the meeting and the ride.

Ride Safe,

Roger Early
Chapter Director



Save the Dates!



Leaf Peeper State Ride

October 23 – 26, 2026

A ride across the Kentucky Chapters. Ride around the state or join where you can. Details to follow

Winter Warm Up – January 30, 2027
Burlington, KY
KRR of the Seas



Kentucky Ride In – June 4-5, 2027
New Salem Baptist Church, 2775 Deatsville Rd
Cox's Creek, KY 40013

The 2nd Campfire & Comforters Tour
July 29-August 1, 2027
The Breaks Interstate Park
627 Commission Circle
Breaks, VA 24607



The KY Blast a Time Warp Tour
Blasts from the Past
August 19-21, 2026
Cave Area Conference Center
Cave City

We can't wait to spend time with you!!!!



State News

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 August 21st, we rode to Feed Mill Restaurant in Felicity, OH. We enjoyed a fine lunch.

On August 25th We traveled to Swopes Cars of Yesteryear in Elizabethtown. Lots of beautifully restored automobiles. We had lunch at Back Home Restaurant. Nice place. Don't get the fish.

Our September 11th ride to the Fish House was cancelled due to weather. Hopefully we can repeat this ride either later this year or next year.

Our September 19th after meeting ride to Kristin's Kreations in Versailles left as scheduled, but we had to end the ride early due to my pillion Sherri's illness, and a mechanical failure of Earl's classic car. Sherri suffered from heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion is no joke. Riding in 90 degree heat is very hard on your body. I think it's worse for a passenger because they aren't in the air flow like the rider. It came on with no warning. I'm going to start carrying an unopened bottle of water on all of my bikes. We managed to get Earl's car started and I carried Sherri home to AC.

Our last scheduled ride of the year, Iron Pony and AMA Museum, has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts. Hopefully this is something we can do next year.

Roger and I will announce impromptu rides once the weather moderates a little.

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator



Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Happy September Chapter C!

Chapter C did well at the Blast! Tim and Jayne Ellen were selected as the State Couple of the Year and I was selected as the Individual of the Year! Our year of service begins in January. The mascots are still in play for this year, so we're still needing you to help us chase them! I also won the COY/IOY raffle of a \$250 Amazon gift card.

We recently enjoyed lunch at Ford's Garage and even remembered to get a picture! (Thanks Roger!)

Our next lunch ride will be Wednesday, September 30. We will go to Heaven's to Betsy, 116 S Main St, Lawrenceburg, at 1pm. Look for an email around 9/25 to RSVP.

Hope to see you at the next gathering on September 19!

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Chapter Individual of the Year



District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Rider Education Report

Vibration is the result of energy (force) being input into an elastic medium. Modern vehicles are built with elastic (flexible) materials to survive life on the street. The most flexible parts like body panels, mirrors, and light assemblies are often mounted in a way to isolate them from the road, but it is impossible to prevent all vibration. Motorcycles, trikes, and other small vehicles are subject to the effects of vibration more than cars and trucks because of their nature to be of small size and mass.

As a vehicle moves down the road, many opportunities exist to cause vibration. Tires have a tread pattern to allow for water and other road debris to be displaced from the road surface to provide the best possible traction. But every tread pattern will cause a vibration due to the tread blocks intermittent contact with the road. An irregular road surface will cause the suspension to move up and down to smooth the ride and keep the vehicle isolated from changes in the roadway. And of course, every piston engine makes vibration from the piston's rise and fall, and the intermittent rapid combustion process inside the cylinder.

Engineers plan for the input of energy and try to control the effects, but no system is perfect, and no system can anticipate every scenario. Tires can wear from improper inflation and/or overloading and exasperate the tire noise and energy of the vibration this causes. Suspension systems have shock absorbers designed specifically to handle the effects and energy input from rocks, random debris, and potholes by transferring the energy into the damping fluid inside. And piston engines have firing orders and counterweights arranged so the energy created from some of the moving parts will be redirected in the opposite direction of other moving parts.

The Law of Conservation of Energy states that energy cannot be created or destroyed, only transformed from one form to another, and the total energy in an isolated system remains constant. This means for us that all the different forces acting on the vehicle must be controlled. The smoother the ride, the better the design of the vehicle. But no design is perfect. Any vibration felt by the operator means there are parts moving that should not be moving.

Proper maintenance can help to minimize the vibration you and your vehicle experience. But things happen. I know of several people that have had the clamp bolts of their steering head assemblies (triple-tree) come loose. I know of others that have had body panels come free after riding a rough road. This is why it is so important to establish a regular T-CLOCS routine. When was the last time you spent some quality time with your vehicle checking its nuts and other fasteners?

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

9/21 – Frank Hardy

9/23 – Earl Broome

Anniversaries

9/30 – Gerry & Denise Harris



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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.