



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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Cooler weather is finally here and I have been enjoying more riding. I have enjoyed several solo rides. Some of those rides are what I used to do when I got my first motorcycle about 30 years ago. I would just go out and make up the route as I went along. I would have a general direction in mind but that could change as I rode. In the past, I was discovering new roads but now I am more familiar with the roads and just ride until I decide it's time to return.

I also enjoyed a group ride to Yoder's Dinner Bell Market on 9/21. Alan, Frank and Randy rode with me. The morning was a little cool but other than that, the weather was perfect. We enjoyed lunch at Yoder's and then stopped at the Grange City Covered Bridge on the way home. It was recently restored and it was great to see a covered bridge without all the graffiti. The people that restored the bridge did a wonderful job.

Please mark your calendars for our Chapter Christmas Party. We are going to try something different this year. Since we have been having some good turnouts for our 1:00 lunches, we are going to have our Christmas Party in the afternoon too. We will have the party at Roosters on Richmond Road from 1:00 to 4:00 on Thursday, December 3rd. Please let me know if you can attend so I can let Roosters know how many to expect.

We'll have our Dirty Santa gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a gender specific gift (a man's gift if you are a man and a woman's gift if you are a woman). The cost should stay between \$20 and \$25. The exchange has always been fun at past parties, and I look forward to it again this year.

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The next State event is the Leaf Peeping Ride. It starts and ends in Henderson, KY. It is from Friday, 10/23/26, to Monday, 10/26/26. You can ride the complete route or just join part of it. See the State website for more information: <https://kyroadriders.org/>.

As of now, my plan is to meet the group at Ernie's Tavern in Bloomfield on Friday, 10/23. They plan to arrive there at 12:00. They leave there at 1:30 and ride to Beans Café and Bakery in Dry Ridge. That leg is 85 miles and they plan to arrive at Beans at 3:30. They leave Beans at 4:30 and ride to the Best Western Hotel in Paris. That leg is 60 miles and they plan to arrive at the hotel at 6:00. I will head home after we get to the hotel.

If anyone would like to join me, please let me know. We can decide on a starting point once we determine who is going. If we meet in Versailles, the ride to Ernie's Tavern is about 45 miles and it would take us about an hour riding on US-62.

Our next meeting will be on 10/17/26. As usual, we will meet at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00. Please come join the fun. Unfortunately, Karen and I cannot join the meeting because we will be out of town. Dedre has agreed to run the meeting. Thanks Dedre!

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

Ride Coordinator Report

Hey Guys!

The riding season is coming to a close. There will be the occasional good riding days for a month or so, so be on the lookout for impromptu ride announcements. Looking ahead to next year, please be researching ride destinations for 2027. In January or February, the ride committee will convene to map a riding schedule for next year.

I just added a new bike to the stable! A 2026 Honda CB750 Hornet now resides in my garage. Now comes the task of converting what is basically a mild sport bike to more upright ergos. But this bike has great bones. 90 hp with a weight of 432 pounds and Honda's new Eclutch, combined with a fairly low seat height. Dirt Ninja will be listed on Marketplace soon.

I am at Biketoberfest in Daytona as I write this. Sherri and I took a ride on KD Cycles Roadsmith trike conversion. I really liked it! When that time comes for me, I think I will look up KD Cycles. Of course, the owner knew Alan Ernest!

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Hi Chapter C!

Sorry for having to cancel the lunch ride a couple of weeks ago! That was the third time that I tried to schedule Heaven's to Betsy, so I'm done trying to go there!!!

Our next lunch ride will be on Wednesday, October 28. Location will be determined at our Saturday gathering, so stay tuned!

I surprised Chapter Y by showing up at their meeting on October 1. I was the only visitor, so Beavis came home with me. Some NY friends came to visit last week, and we went to Makers Mark for a tour. I was going to take him along but was afraid he would enjoy the bourbon tasting a little too much! Beavis will be with me at our next gathering.

It's awesome that Tim and Jayne Ellen take the time to capture the plaque for us! It will be at our next gathering also, so it should generate some visitors!

Hope to see you there!!!

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

In March of 2018 I replaced the stock saddle on our 2004 Gold Wing with a gently used stock saddle from a 2008 Gold Wing. This saddle includes the heating elements installed by Honda. For the temperature controllers, I used Gerbing heated clothing controllers and powered them by installing a relay connected to the battery and cycled by the accessory port in the Gold Wing fuse panel. This modification has worked very well for us during the eight years and 40,000+ miles since. In late fall of 2025, I noticed the seams of the front rider's cushion were starting to separate. As the weather continued to get colder, the gap in the seams appeared to grow wider. I tried a vinyl fluid repair, which much to my surprise seemed to work acceptably on small sections, but the seams in other areas also began to split, presenting a much larger project. After searching the internet for available repair/replacement options, I chose to purchase a replacement seat cover set.

Made here in North America, the cover arrived after a few days. It is made of special cold resistant outdoor 4-way stretch marine vinyl material with a cold crack rating of -65 degrees Fahrenheit. The installation instructions were relatively simple in that one must remove the existing cover and replace it using the existing fasteners just like the original cover. In reality, this process was a little bit more involved.

The original cover is fastened around the edge of the seat pan with many ½ inch staples driven directly into the plastic pan itself. These fasteners are installed to make the cover fit tightly to keep a smooth surface when not covered by a person. Removing these staples carefully is important to minimize any damage to the seat pan so that the new staples will have a good foundation to fasten the new cover securely. Next, the loops of thread that are attached to the original seat cover seams must be removed from the plastic clips that hold them after being pulled through holes in the seat foam and the seat pan. After 18 years of weather and vibration, these clips can become fragile and require careful attention while removing them. Due to the tension from the foam of the seat, the thread loops are best cut before the clips are gently compressed and removed from their recess in the seat pan.

Installing the new seat cover was easier than I anticipated. I started in the middle by sliding the cover onto the "horns" of foam that wrap around the back of the front rider's hips. Next, I located the thread loops in the middle of the saddle and pulled them through and onto the clips, gently pressing each clip into its recess before releasing the tension of the thread loop onto the clip itself. I then alternated working forward and backward one row of loops at a time, until all the loops were pulled through and secured. The last step was to stretch the seat cover over the edge of the seat pan and fasten with new staples. I started again in the middle of the saddle and alternated sides carefully pulling the material taut and working to keep the seams along the edges of the foam beneath it. This operation is best performed with a pneumatic stapler and requires firm pressure to prevent the tool kicking back and not driving the staple fully into the seat pan.

I am pleased with the results and with the seat cover itself. The material looks good and matches the original Honda design. I think the seat feels a little bit softer, and I find that I do not slide forward so easily as I did with the original cover, perhaps due to the softer/more stretchy material. One thing I do notice is that the seat stays wet for a long time after rain. In hindsight, I think I should have treated the seams with a vinyl sealant like VLP and sprayed the backside of the seat cover with a water repellant. Maybe next time.

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

11/9 – Lily Broome

11/17 – Denise Harris

11/21 – Jim Fields

Anniversaries

10/21 Roy & Helena Taulbee

10/29 Randy & Linda Hyde

11/9 Tim & Jayne Ellen Mourning



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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.