# Bluegrass Wings
# Chapter C

## November 2026

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Greetings Chapter C!
November already??? Where did summer go??? I hope we can still have some days to ride during the colder months that are approaching. I will definitely miss some of the weather we were blessed with recently.

November 11th is Veterans Day where we honor all those who have served in America's Armed Forces. I am not a veteran, but I do appreciate the service of anyone who has served. It's not just the service of the veteran but also the sacrifice of the families of the veterans. If you are a veteran, thank you and your family for your service.

We had 7 people ride to Bloomfield on 10/23 to meet the State's Leaf Peeping Ride. We enjoyed a ride on the curves of US-62 and arrived at Ernie's Tavern where we met folks from Chapters A, G and S. I did not get a count but I think there were at least 12 people there to meet the riders who started in Henderson, KY that morning. The plan was to ride with them to Beans Café in Dry Ridge and then continue riding with them to Paris. Unfortunately, the group from Henderson arrived late and we had some people who needed to get back home around the original planned time, so our group left Ernie's and rode to Beans before the rest of the group left. We followed the same route that was planned for the Leaf Peeping Ride, and it was a fun route. After enjoying some treats at Beans Café, we took US-25 back to Georgetown where the group split up so everyone could head home. Thanks to everyone who joined that ride. Hopefully the State will have another ride next year. I know Bruce and Kathy Hensley, our state Ride Coordinators, put a lot of work into planning the destinations and routes as well as finding hotels and restaurants along the way. I appreciate the time and effort they put into the ride.



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.

There has been a change to our Chapter Team. I will be the Newsletter Editor. Jim took on that role in January of 2022 when Karen and I became Chapter Directors. He did it to help take some of the load from me since I was the Newsletter Editor in 2021. Jim has done a wonderful job as the editor, and I certainly appreciate him taking on the role. The main reason we ended up discussing making a change is Microsoft no longer supports their Publisher software that we used to create the newsletters. I started looking into software that can replace Publisher and I offered to be the editor so Jim wouldn't have to spend time learning a new tool. Jim took me up on my offer.

In my opinion, Jim already has a very important role as our Ride Coordinator. He is doing great in that role. I had that role for about 6 years and I know it requires a lot of time preparing the routes and leading the rides. The other stressful part of the role is trying to decide if the weather will cooperate so we can have a safe ride. The weather hasn't helped him in that role in the past couple of years. It seems like we have too much rain and then immediately followed by too much heat. Jim and I regularly discuss the forecast leading up to a ride. Unfortunately, the weather forecasts have not been accurate. We cancelled some rides expecting rain only to find out that the forecast was wrong. It's not a decision we take lightly and we tend to err on the side of safety.

Our next meeting will be on 11/21/26. 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.
Ride Safe,
Roger Early
Chapter Director




## Save the Dates!

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

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

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

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

## Ride Coordinator Report

Hey guys!

We have been able to squeeze in rides in between the cold. Seems like we went from warm mornings to 45 degree mornings in an instant.

We had a ride on Tuesday November 10th to Madison, IN. We had lunch at the Red Pepperoni. It was good, but the ride to and from was better. Nice curvy roads in very good condition. I got to practice riding my Hornet. It effortlessly kept a brisk pace. It was a little chilly. The Wings had great wind protection, heated grips and seat. The Hornet? Not so much. I did turn on the heated shirt for the ride and it really helped. We haven't ridden to Madison much in the past few years. It is a beautiful small city that has many dining opportunities. There are also many good riding routes to and from.

On Wednesday October 28th Roger and I rode to Maka Mia Pizza in Winchester and joined Dedre's planned lunch ride. Afterwards, A group of us rode to Dairy Queen in Beattyville. The roads were beautiful, and at that time, it was still warm!

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator



## Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Hi Chapter C!

I think our lovely fall is about to take a nose dive! I hope you've been able to ride on the pretty days we've had!

A bunch of us met at Maka Mia Pizza for lunch and Roger planned a ride afterwords. There were 12 of us for lunch – I think that's a record!!

Between Thanksgiving and our Christmas party in early December, I'm going to put the lunch rides on hold until after Christmas. We'll get together one more time this year! Gosh, that's hard to say! What has happened to 2026?!?!?

I hope to see you at our Christmas party on Thursday, December 3 at 1:00 at Rooster's on Richmond Rd where we normally meet. We will order from the menu as usual and a few of us will bring something for dessert. We will have our dirty Santa gift exchange. Men will bring a men's gift and women bring a woman's gift. The gift should be in the $20-$25 range. Either Roger or I will send an email to get an RSVP so we know how many to set up f

Dedre VanHoose

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Chapter C Membership Enhancement Coordinator and Chapter Individual of the Year



# District Educator Report

## Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Believe it or not, there is science behind the speed limits that are posted on various roadways. Several factors are used to determine a safe speed limit for a given stretch of road such as:

- Roadway environment:
- Roadway characteristics
- Geographic Context
- Crash experience
- Speed distribution of free-flowing vehicles
- Speed trends
- the 85th percentile

While I think the first six factors are obvious, the seventh may need some explanation. The 85th Percentile Rule is seen as the 'traditional' method of evaluating and setting speed limits. It is based on human behavior rather than data or statistical analysis. This method of setting speed limits suggests most drivers will naturally select the safest speed to travel under normal conditions for a given roadway.

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways defines the standards used by road managers nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all streets, highways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and site roadways open to public travel. The 11th edition was adopted with an effective date of January 18, 2024. The MUTCD is published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under **23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 655, Subpart F**

Highways usually have posted minimum speed limits to prevent slower-moving vehicles from triggering safety issues such as rear-end collisions, disrupted traffic flow, and traffic backups. Safe speed limits are chosen to balance safety with traffic efficiency. Unfortunately, most speed limits are reviewed reactively because of roadway changes, policy adjustments, zoning updates, or crash statistics, and after a road or other infrastructure project has been completed.

The legal basis for speed limits typically rests on statutes enacted by state legislatures and local ordinances approved by city or county governments. One of the first speed limits ever recorded was set in 1652. The law was issued in New Amsterdam (now New York) that stated that no "wagons, carts or sleighs shall be run, rode or driven at a gallop." The fine for breaking this speed limit was "two pounds flemish", or about $150 today.

There is a strong correlation between higher speeds and accident severity: a 5% increase in average speed typically leads to a 10% increase in injury and 20% increase in deaths.

| Vehicle speed (mph) | Probability of pedestrian fatality (%) * | Probability of pedestrian fatality age ≤ 14 (%)** | Probability of pedestrian fatality age 15 to 59 (%)** | Probability of pedestrian fatality age ≥ 60 (%) ** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 30 | 45 | 5 | 7 | 62 |
| 40 | 85 | 16 | 22 | 92 |

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

The suggested speed limits for curvy sections of roadway are determined using the following formula:

$$R_{min} = \frac{V^2}{15(0.01e_{max} + f_{max})}$$

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

The variables in the above formula are defined as:
$R_{min}$ = minimum radius of curvature (ft (m)).
$V$ = design speed (mph (km/h)).
$e_{max}$ = maximum rate of roadway superelevation (percent).
$f_{max}$ = maximum side friction (demand) factor.

For more formulas about road design considerations:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/safety/17098/004.cfm?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Your homework assignment this month: Check out the theory, do some practice calculations, then go out and gather some empirical data. You can thank me when you see me.

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

12/13 – Roy Taulbee

12/14 – Karen Early

01/15 – Scotty Gray

## Anniversaries

11/25 – Jim and Karen Fields




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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 Central Time.

**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 Y** Meet on the 1st Thursday at Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY 42066. Eat at 6:00pm, meet @ 7:00pm Central Time.

**Look at the Chapter Gathering days as we will try and visit them all sometime.**