



Bluegrass Wings

Chapter C

Wing'd Riders

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Greetings Chapter C!

I hope no one had any major damage because of the storms and high winds on 3/3. We had a few shingles get blown off the roof, but I was able to get someone to fix those on 3/4.

While my roof was being repaired, the power went off in our area. It was back on around 7:30 Monday night. We were fortunate to have warmer weather during the outage. I know some people are still without power so I can't complain too much. We have lived in our house for 31 years and the longest power outage we had before this one was only about 4 hours. We've been fortunate.

The State OPS meeting was held on 2/25 in northern Kentucky. Dedre VanHoose, John Conner, and Frank Hardy joined Karen and me at the meeting. Tim Mourning also came for a class on Garmin Basecamp software.

After the OPS Meeting, we had a Murder Mystery Dinner. The event was planned by Donita Nardi and she did a great job. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Tim, Jayne Ellen, and their daughter were also at the dinner.

The next State event is the Ride In at Jenny Wiley State Park. Please see the state website for more information: <https://www.kyroadriders.org/>

I hope you and your bike(s) are ready for riding season. Please see the Ride Coordinator's article for more information on our planned rides.

Ride Safe,

Roger Early

Chapter Director



Ride Coordinator Report

We had a great turnout for our dinner at Mi Pequena Hacienda, on 2/9. Thanks to all who showed up. We had some good food and even better conversations.



The storms and high wind impacted our first scheduled ride. We were planning to ride to the Patton Museum on 3/4 but due to the colder temperatures, we moved the start time to 12:00 and changed the route. The ride was postponed to 3/5 due to the storm damage. After talking to some neighbors who had been on some backroads in Fayette county, I decided to cancel the ride on 3/5.

So far, we have the following list of rides for the upcoming months:

March 18 (after our chapter gathering): Sammy's Bakery in Eminence

April 1: National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green

April 18 (after our chapter gathering): Beans Café and Bakery in Dry Ridge

May 6 (Derby Weekend): Moonlight Bar-B-Q in Owensboro

May 20 (after our chapter gathering): Grandma's Homemade Ice Cream in Bardstown

Please keep in mind these dates and destinations might change as the committee continues to meet. We will be adding more dinner gatherings and more rides. We are hoping to plan a couple of multi-day rides. We will also add some weekday rides for those that can ride during the week.

Roger Early

State Team Announcement

Congratulations to Mike and Dedre VanHoose! They have accepted the role of Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEPC) for the State of Kentucky. They have held several positions in the past on the District Team under GWRRA and I believe our State will benefit from having them back on the team. I am the Webmaster for the State and I look forward to working with Mike and Dedre on the State Team.

2023 OPS Meeting Notes

The OPS meeting was held on 2/25/23 and I wanted to pass along the following information from the meeting:



The meeting started with some updates from Jere and Sherry Goodman who are the Executive Directors for Wing'd Riders.

They reviewed how in 8 months since the GWRRA shutdown announcement, the Wing'd Riders organization has been started and has accomplished the following:

- Published 5 monthly newsletters
- Created a website
- Setup a national rally
- Created an insurance policy for events
- Developed a relationship with the RPM Academy for training

They stated that Kentucky is the first and only state that brought all chapters as a whole to Wing'd Riders.

Chapter A won the Newsletter of the Year Award for 2022.



- We had breakout sessions for Chapter Directors, Treasurers and Ride Coordinators. Dedre also taught a class on Goal Setting during that time. I attended the Chapter Directors meeting. Rick Cridlin reviewed what has happened in the State since the GWRRRA was shutdown. He also passed out the Officer's/Member's Handbook for our state. Here is a link to the Handbook: <https://www.kyroadriders.org/wp-content/uploads/KRR-Officers-Members-Handbook.pdf>. He started with the GWRRRA Officer's Handbook and removed parts that were no longer needed. I have not read the Handbook yet, so I have no further comments on it.
- The State Ride Coordinator, Don Price, presented a class on the BaseCamp Navigation Software. Don gave tips and advice on how to overcome some of the issues he has encountered with the software.
- The State is starting an Individual of the Year (IOY) Program that will be very similar to the Couple of the Year (COY) Program. They introduced the mascots for the COY and IOY. They also had drawings to see who would get the mascot for the first time. The COY mascot went to Tom and Marlene White from Chapter A. The IOY mascot went to Steve Knode of Chapter Y.
- We had another breakout session in the afternoon. They had one for the MEC and also had a Tech Talk session. I attended the Tech Talk session and it was interesting to hear all the comments about maintenance, winterizing, insurance, communication devices, seats, handlebars, etc. I truly enjoyed hearing everyone's thoughts on all of the topics. Steve Knode did a good job moderating/presenting and since it was a small group, people were willing to share their thoughts and experiences.

- Rick and Leah Cridlin presented information about the upcoming State Events including the Ride-In, Blast and the Fall Jack-o-lantern Festival. They also introduced a Passport Program. The program encourages individuals to visit all 7 chapters in the State and get a date and initials from the Chapter Director or State Director. There will be a drawing for a prize for everyone that completes the passport. The prize will be awarded at the 2024 OPS Meeting.
- Finally, there was a session for Questions and Answers. I don't have many notes from that session but Rick, Leah, Jere and Sherry answered several questions from the group.
- I have been to several OPS meetings and have found all of them to be informative about what is happening in our State. I encourage you to attend one in the future.

Roger Early

Chapter Director

District Events for 2023

2023 Ride-In

The 2023 Ride-In will be hosted by Chapter T and will be held on June 2nd and 3rd at [Jenny Wiley State Park](#). There are a block of rooms and cabins set aside at Jenny Wiley. The rate is \$122.45 (taxes included). Click [here](#) to make your reservation or call 606-889-1790. Be sure to mention GWRRA or group code 6249 to reserve the room.

[Please mark your calendar and check the state website](#) for more details.

2023 Blast

The 2023 Blast will return to the Showroom in Danville on 8/17/23 to 8/19/23.

The host hotel is the Hampton Inn, 100 Montgomery Way, Danville, KY 40422. The rate is \$119.00+taxes. Breakfast is included. Doubles and King rooms are available. Click [here](#) to make your reservation or you may call 859-236-6200. Please mention Kentucky Blast to receive the block rate. The block will close on July 17, 2023.

Please mark your calendar and check the [state website](#) for more details.

2023 Fall Spook-tacular

You are invited to a fall event on October 13th-14th. The evening of Friday the 13th will include a visit to the [Jack o' Lantern Spectacular](#) in Iroquois Park in Louisville. Saturday night would be socializing at the [Louisville South KOA Holiday Campground](#) which will be the main site for the weekend event. For more information, please see the [invitation from Rick and Leah Cridlin](#).

Roger Early

Chapter Director

With a sunny and warm break in the weather on February 15, a group ride was a must!

6 of use gathered at the Starbucks in Versailles, KY to have a fun day of riding. We left Versailles ([James O. Springate](#), Tim and Jane Ellen Mourning, Frank Hardy, Randy Hyde and [Alan Ernest](#)) about 10:00A and headed towards Frankfort. We had a nice easy ride up KY 127 with the destination of Owenton where we would meet up with [Lynn Tucker](#) and Jim Fields on their Goldwings. After a brief meetup at the McDonalds on 127, we left on our way to Warsaw, KY. KY 35 was a nice, easy ride all the way to our lunch destination - The Sunset Grille. The grille is directly across the Ohio river from Belterra Casino of Indiana. We all enjoyed the good food and views offered by the Grille.

Next, we made our way to the Rabbit Hash General Store just a short way up KY 338. There we enjoyed a short rest period and time of exploration of everything that the General Store had to offer. I think ice cream was the most popular purchase.

Our original plan was to take a ferry across the Ohio and then hop onto IN 56 all the way to Madison, IN. Unfortunately, the ferry was closed for the day.

No problem for a motorcyclist since it is all about the ride!

We changed plans and wiggled our way to I-275 where Randy was able to drop out and head home. We ventured down I-75 to the Richwood exit and connected to KY 25 south.

As a bonus, we stopped in Beans in Dry Ridge for coffee, snacks and a short break. That was followed by a bit more riding then a few more dropping out near Georgetown, while 3 of use continued through Georgetown and into Lexington.

All-in-all it was a wonderful break to the sometimes-dreary KY winter days. We were all grateful to Jim Springate for putting this impromptu ride together.

Mitch Lawrence







Chapter C Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Meanderings:

No report.

Chapter C Rider Educator

Alan Ernest



To all our Dear Wing'd Rider Friends,

Please allow Shea and I and to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Healthy 2023. We have been beyond blessed to be a part of GWRRA and Chapter C Bluegrass Wings for the last 9 years. We are excited to start a new journey with you in our newly formed Wing'd Riders Association. We have developed such wonderful friendships with the best group of people in the world. We have been blessed profusely and our gratitude is overflowing. 2022 wasn't without some challenges and difficulties but were certainly outweighed by God's grace and blessings.

Thank you for your friendship and your unending support.

My sincere thanks and appreciation. You truly are the best!

Alan Ernest

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District Educator

Richard Artmayer

Rider Education Report

Here we are in February already. We now have a full month behind us as members of the Wing'd Riders. The RPM Academy website (rpmacademy.net) is up and running, but it appears not quite finished. Many of the forms with which you were familiar in GWRRA have been remodeled and made available. I have received some additional information recently that I hope to share at the Ops Meeting at the end of the month. That is, if I survive the Murder Mystery Dinner. I look forward to seeing you there.

Richard 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

- Roger Early 3/19
- Al Ervin 3/31
- Mike VanHoose 4/5
- Lena Campbell 4/14
- Angela Carter 4/15

Anniversaries

None this month

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Frankfort, KY 40601**



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Paris, KY 40361

Information from your Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Let's go VISIT our other chapters! This 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 American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42, Florence. Socialize @ 6:00pm, meet @ 7:00pm.



Chapter K Meet on the 3rd of the month at the Golden Corral, 1320 North Green Street, Henderson, KY. Eat @ 4:00pm, meet @ 5:00pm.



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.