



Bluegrass Wings

Chapter C

Wing'd Riders

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Greetings Chapter C!

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I can't believe it's April already. The weather is still very inconsistent, up one day and down the next. Hopefully it will continue to warm up and allow us to ride more. I don't want it to get hot yet, I'd like to have an extended spring before we get into the hot and humid weather.

Our next gathering is 4/15/23 and we should have some other chapters visiting since Mike, Dedre and Frank won the state traveling plaque at the March Paintsville gathering. The other chapters will be coming to try to win the plaque.

For those wanting to learn more about using Basecamp, Don Price has offered to have a session with us to help answer questions and show us how he uses it. Don is our state Ride Coordinator. Basecamp is a free program that allows the user to define a route and download it to a Garmin GPS or create a GPX file that can be used on other devices. Basecamp can be downloaded from: <https://www.garmin.com/en-US/software/basecamp/>. The class will be held on 4/23 from 2:00 to 5:00 at the Eastside Branch of the Lexington Public Library. Space is limited so if you haven't already told me you are coming, please let me know if you would like to attend.

Ride safe,
 Roger Early



State News

Passport Program

At the 2023 OPS meeting, the State announced a Passport Program. The program encourages individuals to visit all seven chapters in the State and get the date and initials from the Chapter Director or State Director. Everyone that completes the Passport will be entered in a drawing for a prize at the 2024 OPS Meeting. The Passport can be found at: <https://www.kyroadriders.org/wp-content/uploads/Kentucky-Passport-2023.pdf>

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

Ride Coordinator Report

The weather has caused us to change a couple of our rides. We were planning to ride to the Patton Museum on 3/4/23 but cold temperatures and high winds caused us to cancel that ride. We had some nice weather on 3/16/23 so we rode to the museum on that day. We had a great time. We were planning to ride to the Corvette Museum on 4/1/23 but the weather forecast was calling for some possible rain and some high winds so we moved the ride to 3/30/23. I was a little concerned about scheduling the ride on April Fools Day and I guess the April Fools Joke was on us, we had to change the ride.

Mike invited the chapter on a ride to the Natural Bridge area on 3/27/23. Mike and I were the only ones on the ride and Mike took me on some roads that I had never been on before. They were great roads for a motorcycle, plenty of hills and curves. I rode 190 miles that day and had a great time.

On 4/2/23, we had a group travel to the Chapter S gathering. Our Couple of the Year, Jim and Karen Fields, had the mascot and took it to Chapter S. Mike and Dedre took the Individual of the Year mascot to Chapter S for our Individual of the Year, Jim Springate. The Couple and Individual of the Year from Chapter S won the mascots. I am still waiting to hear where they will make the mascots available again. If our Couple or Individual of the Year decides to travel to try to get the mascots, I hope you will consider traveling with them.

We have the following list of rides for the upcoming months:

April 15 (after our chapter gathering): Beans Café and Bakery in Dry Ridge

April 24: Dinner at Ricardo's Grill and Pub in Versailles

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

Acting Ride Coordinator

Ride to General George Patton Museum 3/16/23 by Mitch Lawrence

Six of us spent a relatively nice day in March to ride to the General George Patton Museum, south of Louisville. 227 miles in all. We stopped for lunch at the Bootleg BBQ in Bardstown on the way there and ice cream at Grandma's in Bardstown on the way back. Includes Alan Ernest, Jim Springate, Roger Early, Roy Taulbee, and Frank Hardy.





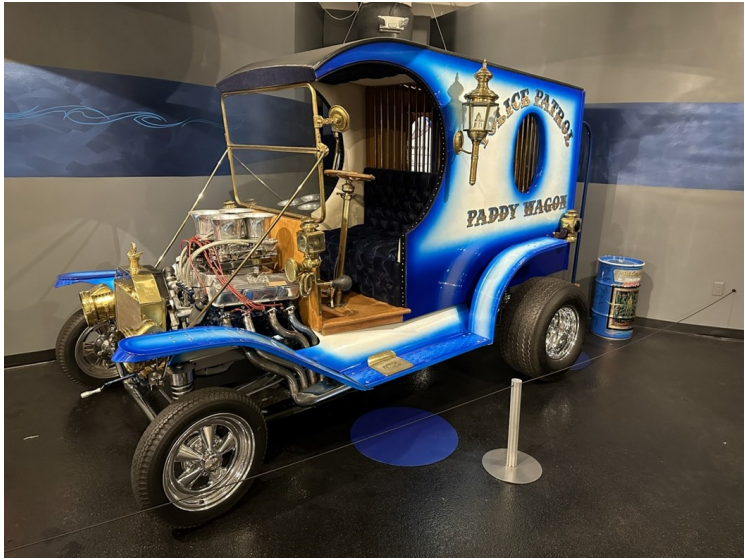
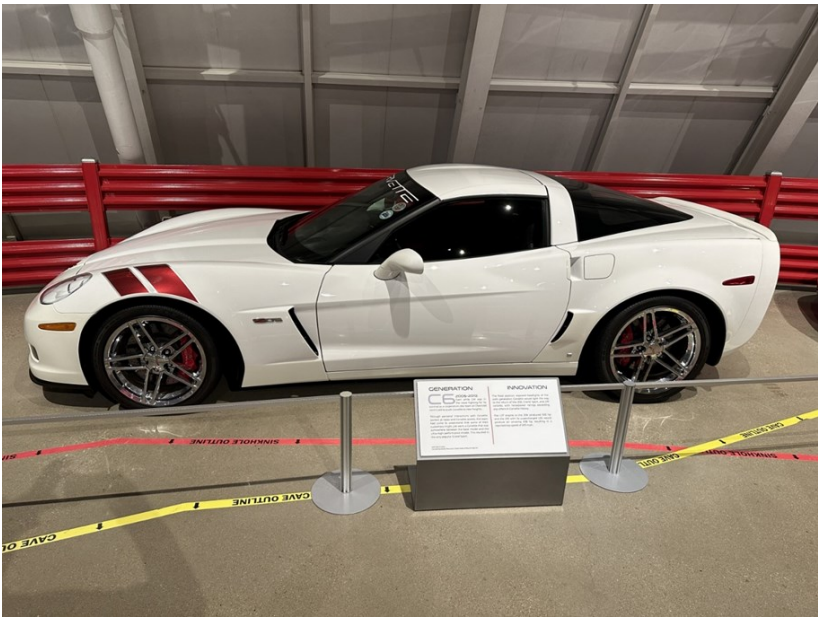
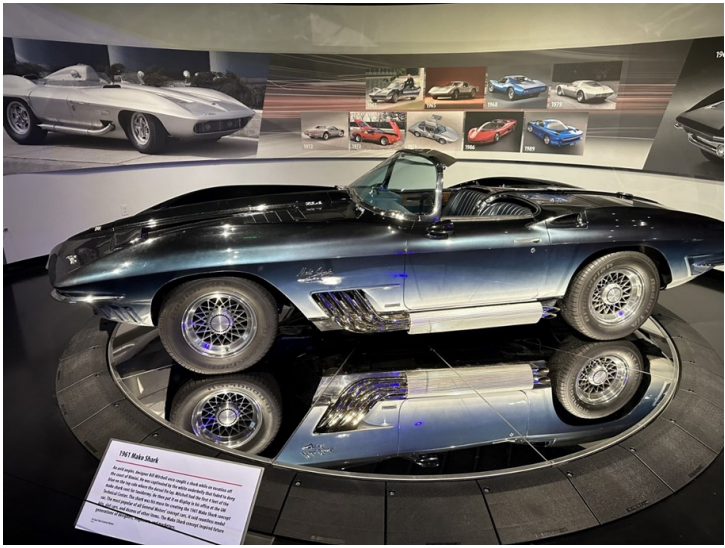
Ride to National Corvette Museum 3/30/23 by Roger Early

We were originally planning to ride to the museum on 4/1/23, April Fool's Day. It would have been fun to ride on that day, but the weather did not cooperate. We decided to move the ride to 3/30/23. Alan, Frank, and I met at the Kroger in the Brannon Kroger Shopping Center and started out around 9:00. The weather was still in the high 30's so it was a little cool. It warmed up quickly and when we stopped for lunch at a Cook Out restaurant in Campbellville, the temperature was in the 50's.

We arrived at the museum around 1:00 and stayed for about an hour. We could have easily spent more time but I think we were all ready to get back on the bikes and ride.

Since we did not spend as much time in the museum as I had originally estimated, we had more time to ride. We were originally planning to finish the ride on US-27 but when we got to Danville, we changed the route to go through Burgin and then get on US-68 and enjoy the curves on that road.





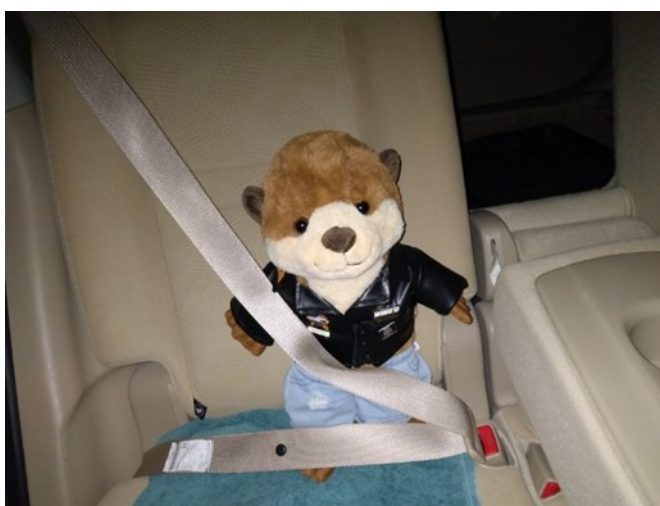
Couple of the Year Photos

Jim and Karen Fields, Chapter Couple of the Year, won the Couple of the Year Mascot at our gathering on 3/18/23. Jim sent me some pictures of them with the mascot and gave me permission to share the photos with our Chapter.

The mascot program is designed to encourage the Couples and Individuals of the Year to visit other Chapters and get to know some of the other Couples and Individuals. It is also a way to honor and recognize the Couple and Individuals. If Jim and Karen or our Individual of the Year, Jim Springate, decide to pursue the mascot at future chapter meetings, I encourage you to join them so they have some company on their travels.

Roger Early

Chapter Director





Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

We are still looking for someone to take the role of Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC). The following was copied from the State "Officer's and Member's Handbook":

"As the name implies, this Member will be the Chapter social coordinator. Planning fun events and reaching out to the Ride Coordinator from time to time to incorporate a fun ride with some fun social events. Encourage your Chapter to participate in some of the fun programs that KRR and Wing'D Rider has to offer. Reach out to those prospective and new Members faithfully every month until you talk with them and invite them to join you. Invite them to your next ride, that's an easier meet up. You are the key to Chapter fun, enjoy it! You are KRR's vital communicator to those who are Members of Wing'D Rider, share your passion!"

At our chapter gatherings, we ask the MEC to handle the following:

- Sign-in sheets

- Announce birthdays and anniversaries

- Give out door prizes

- Other fun activities like:

 - Marble game

 - Friendship plate

Other duties include writing a monthly newsletter article and helping to plan our Christmas Party.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me or even better, talk to our State Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators, Mike and Dedre VanHoose.

Roger Early

Chapter Director

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

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Now that the hard-boiled eggs, jellybeans, and marshmallow chicks have been delivered, Peter Rabbit will go from hopping down the bunny trail to hopping on his motorcycle and riding down the road. I suspect that, as the temperatures become more favorable, many of us will be doing the same.

As you finish the last of your candy, and start making your list of Spring chores, be sure to include the T-CLOCS list of checks for your motorcycle. In case you have forgotten:

T – Tires and Wheels

C – Controls

L – Lights and Electrics

O – Oil and Other Fluids

C – Chassis

S – Stands

The RPM Academy provides the R.17 form for those interested in tracking their bike's history, or just as a tangible method to be sure everything is covered. You can download the form at: <https://rpmacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/R.17-RPMA-Vehicle-Inspection-Form-01.31.23.pdf>.

The MSF has a very comprehensive form with detailed descriptions on their website at:

http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/T-CLOCS_Inspection_Checklist.pdf.

There are several other sources worth reviewing online. You can access them by typing T-CLOCS into your web browser.

There is one point of the T-CLOCS I would like to briefly discuss. This would be the letter L, for lights and electrics. When was the last time you actually looked at the bulbs responsible for keeping you safe? Sure, we all check for function, and true, I rarely ever see anyone with non-functioning lights on their motorcycle. But have you ever noticed some lights are more dim than others, even on the same model? Incandescent lamp filaments atomize over time and coat the inside of the glass bulb. How old are your bulbs? How many miles are on them? Unlike most cars (not including the DRLs), motorcycles run their lights the entire time the vehicle is in operation. This year, take the extra few minutes and open up your light assemblies and check those bulbs. I guarantee the bulb you replace today will last many times over the one you didn't.

Now that you have looked over your motorcycle, take the next step and look over you! In addition to T-CLOCS, there is also T-CARE. I introduced this acronym to Chapter G in the October 2015 Newsletter. In case this was missed:

T – Training

C – Conditioning

A – Attitude

R – Riding Risks

E – Expectations

T - Like any skill, the more it is practiced, the easier it is to perform. And taking a formal training allows your riding style to be checked for bad habits that could otherwise evolve into bad events.

C - As motorcycling is a physical sport, it is important to keep your body in good shape. Keep your body in good condition by staying active and getting annual check-ups. **A** - Attitude effects our action. Be in a good place when you start your ride, so you can be alert and aware of everything around you. Bad attitudes can cause distractions that can cause bad events. **R** - Everything in life has risk. Be sure to plan appropriately for the risks associated with motorcycling. Consider wearing all the gear all the time. **E** - Think about the ride before you start. A group ride on back roads is considerably different than a rush hour commute. Fun can be found in all rides if we set our expectations accordingly.

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

Tim Hamby 5/1
Denny Grimmett 5/9
John Conner 5/19
Randy Hyde 5/20

Anniversaries

Earl and Lily Broome 5/5

**805 Louisville Road
Frankfort, KY 40601**



Bad Wolf Burgers is located at 350 Foreman Avenue in Lexington, KY 40508
859-286-9889



4129 Lexington Road,
Paris, KY 40361

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 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.

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