



Bluegrass Wings

Chapter C

Wing'd Riders

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Greetings Chapter C!

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I hope your riding season is going better than mine. Since our trip to the Feed Mill Restaurant on 4/11, I think I have taken 2 rides to Louisville and back and a couple of shorter solo rides. I've been having issues with my left knee and found out I need a full knee replacement. That is scheduled for 8/25 and I hope my recovery allows me to get a few rides in during the fall season, we'll see. It's frustrating but I realize I have a lot to be thankful for and it could be a lot worse.

As I write this, the Ride In is coming to a close. I was looking forward to attending and participating in the rides but it just wasn't meant to be. I have seen a few photos on Facebook and it looks like the Hatfield and McCoy ride had about 30 people participate. They rode to Loretta Lynn's Home on Saturday and I think they had a great time. The 2024 Ride In will be in Henderson, Kentucky. I'll pass along more details as they come available.

The next State Event is the Blast on Danville on 8/17 to 8/19. The registration form is on the State website. Here is the link: <https://www.kyroadriders.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-Blast-Registration-Form.pdf> You can save \$5 per person if your register before 7/28. I hope you will plan to attend. It was a lot of fun last year and I'm hoping it will be even better this year.

I am still trying to find someone who is willing to join our Chapter Team as Ride Coordinator or Membership Enhancement Coordinator. If you are interested or have any questions about these roles, please let me know.

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 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

Several of us attended the Crash Scene Response class that was hosted by Chapter A on 5/13/23. The forecast showed there was a chance of rain so most of us drove. The traffic on I-64, and the Watterson Expressway in Louisville was moving well but there was a lot of traffic. We made it and met Mitch Lawrence and John Conner there. At the end of the class, we won the Traveling Plaque and Jim Springate won the Individual of the Year Mascot, Melvin.



We had to cancel our ride after the Chapter gathering on 5/20. It has been added back to our schedule for our gathering in July.

The dinner at Jerry's was fun and as usual, the food was delicious. I tried the open face pot roast sandwich and was not disappointed.

Mike invited the Chapter to join him for a ride on 5/27. I wasn't able to attend but I understand Jim Springate and Mike rode to Jane's Saddlebag and then stopped at Beans Café on the way home.

Here is a list of the events since my last article:

- 5/13 - Crash Scene Response Class in Louisville
- 5/20 - Ride to Grandma's Homemade Ice Cream in Bardstown after our meeting
- 5/23 - Dinner at Jerry's
- 5/27 – Ride to Jane's Saddlebag and Beans Café and Bakery
- 6/2 to 6/3 - Ride In at Jenny Wiley State Park

We have the following list of events for our Chapter, State and Wing'd Rider organization:

- 6/17 - Ride to Sammy's Bakery after our meeting
- 6/22 - Dinner at Cattleman's Roadhouse in Danville
- 6/29 to 7/2 - Wing'd Rider Rally
- 7/15 - Ride to Grandma's Homemade Ice Cream in Bardstown after our meeting
- 7/24 – Dinner at Don Senior Mexican Restaurant in Winchester

Please keep in mind these dates and destinations might change. 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

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 5/20/23. Jim sent me some pictures of them with the mascot on a trip to the Rattlesnake Saloon with Chapters S, A and K. As you can tell from the pictures, the mascot, Oliver, got to visit with a lot of people in the group.

Roger Early
Chapter Director





Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Hey Chapter C!

The weather is beginning to cooperate and I see some fun things coming up! The traveling plaque and the individual of the year mascot will be available at Chapter A's meeting on Saturday, May 13. They're having an accident response class, so I've seen a few of our members that plan to go. Please join in – the more the merrier!

The Couple of the year mascot will be at our gathering the following week, so expect some visitors! After our gathering, there will be an ice cream ride!

Let's work on adding some more dinner rides to the calendar. Any day that I don't have to cook is a good day! Where do you want to go? Brainstorm with me and I'll pass the ideas off to the ride coordinator pack.

We also need a membership enhancement coordinator. It's not hard and we get to know our fellow members better by having interactions with them at our meetings. It takes people like Cliff, who dared to ask me if I needed help! Be a Cliff! I'll be happy to give you something to do!!

Dedre VanHoose

~~Interim Acting Pretending~~ MEC

District Educator

Richard Artmayer

The other day I was making a pre-trip checklist for the Ride In and realized I would need to update my Garmin Zumo 590 GPS that was purchased for our trip to Wing Ding 38 in Billings, Montana. It had been several months since I used it last, so I was thinking it would need an update. Normally a straightforward process, this time the update took a few days.

The first step to update the GPS is to connect it to the computer. Normally, the display comes on and within a few moments the image of a connection to a computer appears, followed shortly by the computer providing an audio confirmation of successful connection. This time there was no sound and the screen was very dim showing a depleted battery symbol. I then opened the Garmin Express application on the computer as this is the required tool to transfer the updates. Garmin Express could not find the GPS. I tried several different cords to be sure I had a data cord (some USB cords are only for power), and that the cord I was using was making a good connection. After verifying my cord was good, I opened the battery compartment and reseated the battery connection (one of the weak points of the 590). After having no luck, I decided to leave the GPS connected to the computer and head to bed.

The next day I was available to check the issue again. Now when I opened Garmin Express, the GPS was found quickly. The display on my Zumo was also much brighter than the day before and showed the proper image. So on to the next step. I downloaded the update and directed Garmin Express to install the data into the Zumo. After the usual check to verify the device would accept the update, a little window opened that I had never seen before, with a message I had not read before, indicating the update was too large for the built in memory to manage. It offered the suggestion to reduce the update to only a small map region or install a memory card. Out of luck yet again, I used my Prime account to get an SD card on the way for tomorrow and went to bed.

I tried again after work the next day and successfully installed the update. Thinking about the process to understand what happened and what I could do better for the next time, I realized there are some similarities between keeping the GPS updated and keeping ourselves updated as motorcyclists.

The first thing I realized is it is important to keep our equipment maintained. Our most important piece of equipment may be our bodies, and if we do not maintain our “batteries” by eating right and exercising, we will not be ready when it is time to be updated with latest information.

Second, we need to know our capacity for doing things and we need to be prepared with additional capacity in case of the unexpected. We never know when an event will test our limits and we need to have a cushion of extra time, equipment, etc., ready to prevent delays.

And third, patience is important to reaching our goal. Every task, every journey can include unforeseen roadblocks. Sometimes things will just take longer than expected. Failing to plan is planning to fail, so sticking with the plan will eventually yield success.

Rick Artmayer

KY State Educator



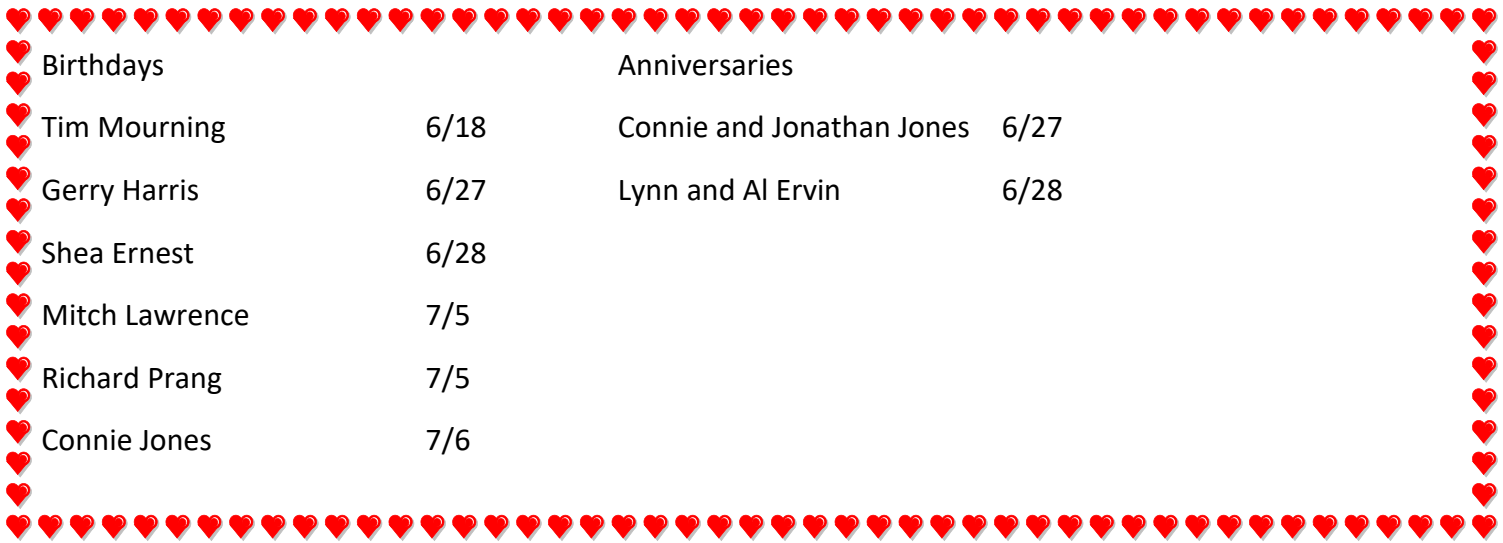
Attention Facebook Users:

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

Tim Mourning

6/18

Gerry Harris

6/27

Shea Ernest

6/28

Mitch Lawrence

7/5

Richard Prang

7/5

Connie Jones

7/6

Anniversaries

Connie and Jonathan Jones 6/27

Lynn and Al Ervin 6/28



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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 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.