



Bluegrass Wings

Chapter C

Wing'd Riders

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Greetings Chapter C!

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The first Wing'd Rider Rally is complete, and I hope it was a success. I was not able to attend but some of the pictures I saw on Facebook show that some of the Kentucky chapters showed up and took at least one ride together. The next Wing'd Rider Rally is at the same location from 6/26 to 6/29.

Our August meeting is scheduled for 8/26 since the third Saturday of August is the Blast weekend. Please add that date to your calendars. The location and times have not changed.

I have submitted our chapter shirt order to the vendor, and I am waiting to hear if he has any questions. Once I hear from him, I will contact the people who were part of the order and let you know how to make your payments.

The next State Event is the Blast in Danville from 8/17 to 8/19. The theme is "Kentucky Roundup" and the plan is to have "Vittles and Shindig" on Friday night. There will be line dancing lessons, country music, a campfire, and a sing along. The "Vittles" will be inside so we do not have to worry about the weather. 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



Ride Coordinator Report

We had a fun ride to Sammy's Bakery after our June meeting. We found lots of curves on the way on US-421 and on the way back, KY-395 provided even more curves. I enjoyed the ride and the ice cream I had at Sammy's was good too. Mitch Lawrence volunteered to provide an article and some pictures so look for those in his article.

We had dinner at Cattleman's Roadhouse in Danville on 6/22. The forecast was predicting rain so most folks drove. We had some tasty food and even better conversations.

Our Ride Coordinator Committee met on 6/20 and added more rides to our calendar. We have added overnight rides in August and September. We plan to meet again to add more rides and dinner rides. Stay tuned!

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

- 7/15 - Ride to Grandma's Homemade Ice Cream in Bardstown after our meeting
- 7/20 – Ride to Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
- 7/24 – Dinner at Don Senor Mexican Restaurant in Winchester
- 8/5 – Ride to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame
- 8/11 to 8/13 – Ride to the Back of the Dragon and Breaks Interstate Park
- 8/17 to 8/19 – The Kentucky Blast in Danville
- 8/26 – Ride after our Chapter Meeting
- 9/16 – Ride after our Chapter Meeting
- 9/22 to 9/24 – Ride the Dragon Slayer
- 10/27 to 10/29 – Overnight Ride (TBD)

Please keep in mind these dates and destinations might change. We will be adding more dinner gatherings and more rides. We will also add some weekday rides for those that can ride during the week.

Roger Early

Acting Ride Coordinator

Ride to Sammy's Bakery – by Mitch Lawrence

Nice ride following our monthly Chapter meeting of the Bluegrass Goldwing Riders at Roosters.

Me, Roy Taulbee, Cliff Toner, Matthew Smith, Roger Early and Timothy Mourning headed to Eminence, KY for dessert. We journeyed about 130 miles total. We zigzagged up Pisgah Pike, to Old Frankfort Pike and then into Frankfort. From there we took 421 (always fun) on into Pleasureville (what a funny name for a small town!) and then finally, Eminence. We stopped at Sammy's Bakery for ice cream and/or donuts.

It turns out that Sammy's was once an auto repair business. Sammy, the owner for many years passed away. The current owners bought the buildings and named it "Sammy's" in honor of the late owner.

The return trip was down KY 395, through Waddy, KY and then eventually KY 44 into Lawrenceburg, across the KY river, into Versailles and then Lexington.







Notes from the State Directors – Rick and Leah Cridlin

Things to think about...

Coming home from the WING'D rally in Litchfield we learned a few things. I thought I would share those things with you.

First, the name of the organization is WING'D Rider, pronounced like Winged. Not Wing-D.

Second, the organization is still growing and with any organization there are always bumps in the road. We asked that you stick with us a little longer, because it is only going to get better from here! Now that we are coming up on a year as WING'D Rider members, we need to make sure we renew our memberships to keep the organization going. If you haven't joined yet, please do. You have been hanging out with us now for a while and taken your test ride, now it is time to commit.

Thirdly, we learned at the rally that the magazine will now be published every two months. There is a financial reason for this. It is very costly to publish the magazine every month. Right now President, John Lazzeroni shared that publishing the magazine every month is financially irresponsible. When our membership grows and is able to cover the monthly costs, a monthly publication will return.

Fourth, this was our first WING'D rally, it will grow and get better every year. We all should consider that we weren't there for Wing Ding #1, who knows what that looked like. But everyone had fun and returned the following year, and the next year and the next year and so on and so on. The rally isn't always about what you can buy, it is about seeing old friends, making new ones and enjoying our motorcycle family. Jack Wagner shared with me that he thinks the last day of the rally is always a sad day for him. He said, "You never know if it will be the last time you see someone." He is right. Tomorrow is not promised and we need to enjoy one another every chance we get.

I know I didn't get to ride and go everywhere I wanted to go this year. The weather was not our friend. So next year I will go back, go to the places I missed and find new places to go. I already have a list started. Stick with me and we will have a good time, I promise!

Lastly, as I sat at the hotel and around the rally I heard a lot of conversations about a lot of things. Some things I heard people talking about were simply not true. Some people were making assumptions and looking at situations from their point of view and experiences. None of us have a complete understanding of what it takes to orchestrate a rally on this level. So rather than judge, let's provide constructive feedback as Jere Goodman suggested at closing ceremonies. If the leadership team doesn't know what concerns we have, they can't correct or change them. Remember the organization doesn't exist without us and if we don't express what we would like to see happen, leadership doesn't know. Rather than believe everything you "hear", think about things with an open mind and know that there is a reason for everything.

Till I see you again!

Leah

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

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 travel will be available through the year. Please join in – the more the merrier!

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 Report

From guest writer Mary Eicher.

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Be Mindful of Your Bike

Can you easily get on and off the bike? Do your feet rest flat on the ground when seated?

Regularly ensure your tire pressure and tread depth are within the specified levels.

Can you comfortably reach the handlebars and controls?

Make sure your headlights, tail lights, and signals are working perfectly.

*Anti-lock brakes can save your life! Bikes with ABS are **37%** less likely to be involved in a fatal crash.*

Don't choose an engine that's too powerful. New riders or commuters should choose a 250-300cc engine. Highway riders should choose 500-750cc.

Regularly check coolant, oil, and fuel levels to avoid unexpected breakdowns.

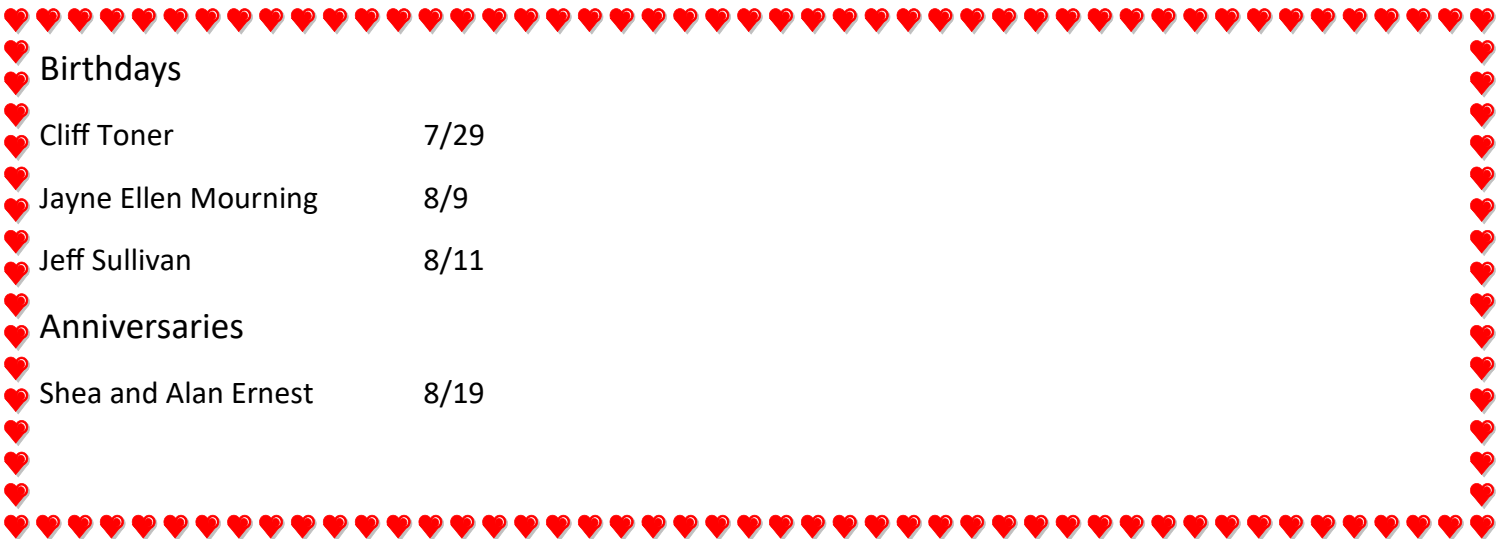
Attention Facebook Users:

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

Cliff Toner 7/29

Jayne Ellen Mourning 8/9

Jeff Sullivan 8/11

Anniversaries

Shea and Alan Ernest 8/19



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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.