



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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I hope everyone is having a great summer. We've had a few pleasant days and a week that was very hot and humid. I haven't done as much riding as I would like but I have enjoyed the rides I've been on. I'm scheduled for knee replacement surgery on 8/25 so my riding season is getting shorter. I would have scheduled the surgery for later in the year but when I scheduled it, the pain was much worse and I thought I better get it done.

It's been about a year since Wing'd Riders started accepting members, so it is time to start thinking about renewing. I sent a note on 8/2 that provided some instructions. I have renewed for 1 year and have received some confirmation information from Wing's Riders. Please check your membership cards to determine your expiration date and renew prior to that date.

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 will not be able to attend but Alan has agreed to run the meeting. (Thanks Alan!)

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>

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, Chapter Director



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

We had a couple of rides that had to be cancelled due to the forecast for rain. Our ride to Grandma's Homemade Ice Cream was cancelled and our ride to Blue Licks Battlefield State Park was also cancelled. Jim Springate invited the chapter to ride to the Red River Gorge Area on 7/16, but I think they rode in other areas too. We had dinner at Don Senor in Winchester on 7/24 and Mike and Dedre invited the chapter to Jerry's on 8/1. On 8/5 we rode to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Mitch Lawrence has some information about that ride in a separate article. It has been a fun month for our Chapter.



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

- 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 to Bud and Cheryl's Ice Cream Shoppe in Danville after our meeting
- 9/9 - Ride to the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, IN
- 9/12 - Dinner at Copper River Grill in Nicholasville
- 9/16 – Ride to Berea Fudge Shoppe in Berea after our Chapter Meeting
- 9/23 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

Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, by Mitch Lawrence

We rode to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame (Renfro Valley) in Mt. Vernon on August 5th. Participants included Frank Hardy, Roger Early, Jim Springate, Mitch Lawrence, Jonathan Jones, Mike and Dedre VanHoose. We traveled some great back roads to get there, turning a 50-minute car ride into a 2-hour motorcycle ride - because that's what we do on motorcycles!

We first stopped for lunch, of course, at a great off the beaten path BBQ restaurant called Back Porch Smokehouse on Lake Linville. The Hog Trough was the most popular dish. I indulged in banana pudding for dessert after my tasty meal. The strawberry shortcake was also a hit.

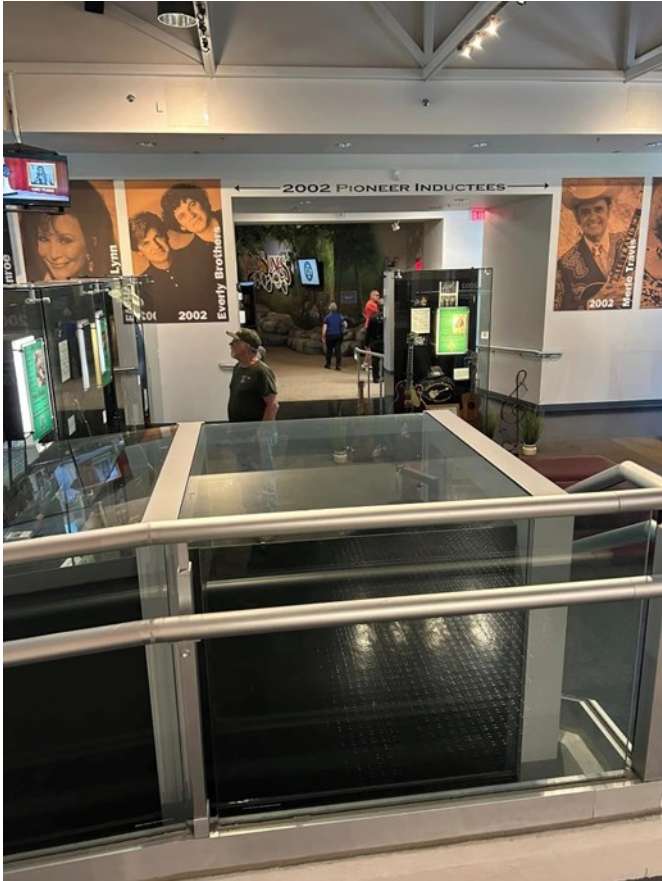
Lynn Tucker joined us there on his Goldwing too. Lynn shared a funny story on how he succeeded in getting 2 moving violations on 2 of his bikes at the same time. That could be a record of some sort.

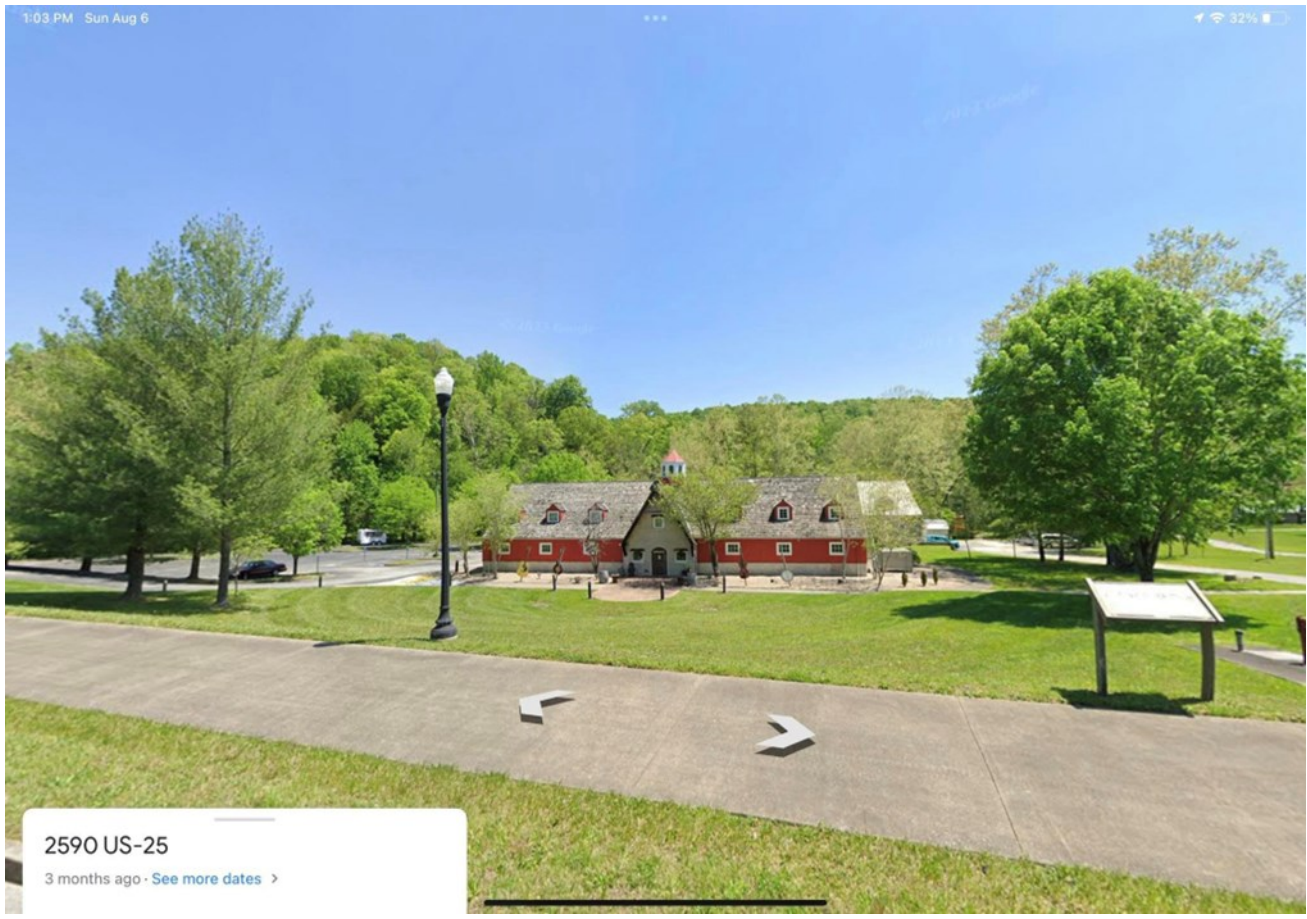
We spend a short time in the museum admiring the accomplishments of KY born and bred musicians while longing for simpler days when music was not all garbage, like today.

We headed home in the heat of the afternoon, passing through Crab Orchard and Lancaster.

Another great day with friends!







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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

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

While researching for this month's article, I found a plethora of statistics for the United States regarding motorcycle safety at www.nhtsa.gov. There are some very interesting tables and charts worth checking out. There is also some good advise on how to stay safe, which I have copied and condensed below.

Motorist Awareness Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways. But it's especially important for drivers to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists such as size and visibility, and motorcycle riding practices like downshifting and weaving to know how to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.

Make Sure You Are Properly Licensed Driving a car and riding a motorcycle require different skills and knowledge. Although motorcycle-licensing regulations vary, all states require a motorcycle license endorsement to supplement your automobile driver's license. To receive the proper endorsement in most states, you'll need to pass written and on-cycle skills tests administered by your state's licensing agency. Some states require you to take a state-sponsored rider education course. Others waive the on-cycle skills test if you've already taken and passed a state-approved course. Either way, completing a motorcycle rider education course is a good way to ensure you have the correct instruction and experience it takes to ride a motorcycle. Of the motorcycle operators involved in fatal crashes in 2021, 36% were riding without a valid motorcycle license.

Practice Operating Your Motorcycle Given the fact that motorcycles vary in handling and responsiveness, be sure to take the time to get accustomed to the feel of a new or unfamiliar motorcycle by riding it in a controlled area. Once you feel comfortable with your bike, you can take it into traffic. Make sure you know how to handle your motorcycle in a variety of conditions (e.g., inclement weather or encountering hazards such as slick roads, potholes, and road debris).

Before Every Ride Check your motorcycle's tire pressure and tread depth, hand and foot brakes, headlights and signal indicators, and fluid levels before you ride. You should also check under the motorcycle for signs of oil or gas leaks. If you're carrying cargo, you should secure and balance the load on the cycle; and adjust the suspension and tire pressure to accommodate the extra weight. If you're carrying a passenger, he or she should mount the motorcycle only after the engine has started; should sit as far forward as possible, directly behind you; and should keep both feet on the footrests at all times, even when the motorcycle is stopped. Remind your passenger to keep his or her legs and feet away from the muffler. Tell your passenger to hold on firmly to your waist, hips, or belt; keep movement to a minimum; and lean at the same time and in the same direction as you do. Do not let your passenger dismount the motorcycle until you say it is safe.

On the Road If you're ever in a serious motorcycle crash, the best hope you have for protecting your brain is a motorcycle helmet. Always wear a helmet that meets U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Look for the DOT symbol on the outside back of the helmet. Snell and ANSI labels located inside the helmet also show that the helmet meets the standards of those private, non-profit organizations. Arms and legs should be completely covered when riding a motorcycle, ideally by wearing leather or heavy denim. In addition to providing protection in a crash, protective gear also helps prevent dehydration. Boots or shoes should be high enough to cover your ankles, while gloves allow for a better grip and help protect your hands in the event of a crash. Wearing brightly colored clothing with reflective material will make you more visible to other vehicle drivers.

Ride Responsibly Experienced riders know local traffic laws - and they don't take risks. Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings; ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles; and always check behind you and signal before you change lanes. Remember to ride defensively. The majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes generally are caused when other drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist. Proceed cautiously at intersections and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles as appropriate. You can increase your visibility by applying reflective materials to your motorcycle and by keeping your motorcycle's headlights on at all times.

Be Alcohol and Drug Free Alcohol and drugs, including some prescribed medications, negatively affect your judgment, coordination, balance, throttle control, and ability to shift gears. These substances also impair your alertness and reduce your reaction time. Even when you're fully alert, it's impossible to predict what other vehicles or pedestrians are going to do. Therefore, make sure you are alcohol and drug free when you get on your motorcycle. Otherwise, you'll be heading for trouble.

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

Jim Springate 9/11

Anniversaries

Julie and Lynn Tucker 8/26

Karen and Roger Early 9/5

Kathyrne and Mitch Lawrence 9/9

Cliff Toner 9/15



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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.