



# Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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August was a busy month and seemed to fly by. One of the events was the Kentucky State Rally, The Blast, in Danville. We had great weather, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Don Price had some self-guided rides available that several groups enjoyed. Dan Bondurant was having a lot of fun running the jail. Karen and Dedre went shopping away from the Blast, so Mike and I had them arrested for a little while. We had Chapter Challenges, On-bike games, door prizes, individual games, etc. I posted several pictures to the State website, here is the link:

<https://www.kyroadriders.org/photos-page/nggallery/2023-blast-photos>

Thanks to everyone from Chapter C that attended. The Blast will stay in Danville for 2024 and the dates are 8/15 to 8/17. The theme is "Having a Blast in Kentucky".

At the Blast, Chapter C won third place in the Chapter Visitation Competition and second place in the Traveling Plaque Competition. Thanks to everyone who participated in visiting other chapters. The new competition has started and the plaque is available at Chapter T on 9/16 if anyone is interested.

Our next gathering is on 9/16. I hope to see you there.

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 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

Frank Hardy led an overnight ride to the Breaks Interstate Park and the Back of the Dragon on 8/11 to 8/13. I couldn't join the ride, but I have heard they had a great time. Thanks Frank for putting together the ride and then leading the ride.



We had a ride planned after our meeting on 8/26 but the weather forecast was calling for thunderstorms so we cancelled the ride.

We have the following list of upcoming events:

- 9/9 - Ride to the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, IN (held)
- 9/12 - Dinner at Copper River Grill in Nicholasville (cancelled)
- 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.

Roger Early

Acting Ride Coordinator

## 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**

I hope everyone that attended the 2023 Kentucky Blast enjoyed the event. There were many games to play and great riding opportunities available during a week in August of lower-than-normal temperatures. There were also educational opportunities supported by the RPM Academy training curriculum. Even the game at the Rider Ed table offered a chance to learn about different road signs, and you could also learn about the importance of hand strength and how the use of your right-hand fingers affects your ability to stop your motorcycle.

Motorcycling is a physical activity that requires the operator to have a certain amount of strength to control the motorcycle safely and effectively. Nearly every bike made has a hand brake lever, normally for the front brake, and a foot brake lever, normally for the rear brake. (Some scooters I have seen and ridden have only hand brake levers, with one for the front brake and one for the rear brake.) Some motorcycles have combined or linked braking arrangements, such that some rear braking is included when the hand lever for the front brake is activated, and some front braking is included when the foot pedal for the rear brake is activated. Regardless of how the braking system is engineered, as much as 80% of the total braking power of the motorcycle is in the front brakes, making strong hands necessary to safely ride your vehicle.

Beginning riders are normally taught to use all four fingers when applying the brake, and at all other times to leave the fingers on the handgrip. More advanced riders can learn about alternate techniques of using one, two, or three fingers to cover the brake lever. There are several reasons for using any of these techniques, and there are right and wrong times to cover the brake. Covering the brake is simply holding one, two, or three fingers over or just on top of the brake lever. The benefit of this is a faster reaction time when needing to apply the brakes, since your fingers are already extended. It is possible that as much as a quarter second can be saved by covering the brake. At 60 miles an hour, that quarter of a second translates into 22 feet, or more than an average car length. The drawbacks to covering the brake include decreased ability to apply full pressure to the lever, the potential to roll on the throttle while braking, and the potential in slow speed maneuvers to drop the motorcycle by inadvertently applying the front brake.

Several people who used the strength gage available at the Rider Ed table found out just how much difference there is between a two finger and a four finger pull on the brake lever. Regardless of your riding experience, using all four fingers supplies the strongest pull on the lever, which is nearly twice the power of a two finger pull. I find that reducing my pull on the brake lever is easier than trying to apply more pressure, especially if I am already trying to apply the most pressure possible.

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**

Roy Campbell	9/20
Frank Hardy	9/21
Earl Broome	9/23
Rhonda Mason	10/1
Peggy Prang	10/11

**Anniversaries**

Denise and Garry Harris	9/30
Dedre and Mike VanHoose	10/10



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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.**