



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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I have missed some great riding weather and some great rides these last few weeks. I am still recovering from my knee replacement surgery but according to my Physical Therapist, I am making good progress.

Since fall has begun, it's time to start planning our Chapter Christmas Party. We plan to have it at Roosters on Richmond Road again. I think this is a good way to show our support and thank them for being the host of our chapter meetings throughout the year. The party will be on Tuesday, 12/5, and will start at 6:30. We'll have our Dirty Santa gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a gender specific gift (a man's gift if you are a man and a woman's gift if you are a woman). The cost should stay between \$20 and \$25. The exchange has always been fun at past parties, and I look forward to it again this year.

Our next gathering is on 10/21. We should have some visiting chapters since we have the Traveling Plaque. We have the plaque thanks to Mike, Dedre, and Jeff who won it at the Chapter T meeting 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

After our meeting on 9/16, Mitch planned to lead a group ride to the Berea Fudge Shoppe. We found out that the Berea Spoonbread Festival was being held that day, so the group changed plans. See Mitch's article for more details.

John Conner invited the Chapter to dinner to help him celebrate his retirement on 9/22. (Congratulations John!) The dinner was originally planned at Jerry's but due to some conflicts, it had to be moved or re-scheduled. Mike made arrangements to have the dinner at Cluckers in Versailles. (Thanks Mike!) There was a good turnout for the dinner and I assume everyone had a great time. Please see the photo of the group below.



Lynn Tucker led an overnight ride to the Dragon Slayer on 9/23 to 9/24. Lynn planned the route and even rode the route a few weeks early to make sure it would work. He made some adjustments to the route after trying it out. Thanks Lynn for all of your work putting together and leading the ride. For more details about the ride, please see the article and photos from Mitch Lawrence in this newsletter.

There was a dinner at Wallace Station on 9/28. Please see the photo below.



On 10/1, Jim Springate invited the chapter on a ride to the Berea Fudge Shoppe. The ride included a stop at Buc-ee's and a ride on the Valle View Ferry.

We have the following list of upcoming events:

- 10/7 – Ride to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield
- 10/10 – Dinner at Sonny's BBQ in Nicholasville
- 10/21 - Ride after our meeting (more details will be provided later)
- 10/27 to 10/29 – Overnight Ride (Postponed to next year)
- 12/5 – Christmas Party at 6:30 at Roosters on Richmond Road

Ride Safe,

Roger Early

Acting Ride Coordinator

Berea Fudge Shoppe Ride (9/16) – Submitted by Mitch Lawrence

The original plan to ride to the Berea Fudge Shop was changed at the last minute to avoid the crowds in downtown Berea for the annual Spoonbread Festival. Today's ride was with Mitch Lawrence, Cliff Toner, Roy Taulbee and John Conner. In all, I logged 101 miles.

We still managed to get in our sugar fix when we stopped at the DQ in Richmond before heading to Berea.

The weather was beautiful.

We'll get to the fudge shop some other time.

Dragon Slayer Ride (9/23 to 9/24) – Submitted by Mitch Lawrence

This past weekend we slayed the Dragon Slayer route that starts in Lynch, KY and ends in Big Stone Gap, VA. 454 miles with an overnight stay. A few of us from the Bluegrass Goldwing Riders, Matthew Smith, James O. Springate, Lynn Tucker, Julie Tucker, and me (Mitch Lawrence) had a great time on this trip.

We met up in Mount Vernon, KY then traveled backroads through Manchester, Cumberland and into Lynch.

We attempted to stop for lunch at Emma's Southern Style Cooking in Cumberland, but they were closed. We quickly altered our lunch plans, ending up at Rosanne's Dairy Hut for burgers and ice cream.

The Slayer was full of twists, turns and some switchbacks. We breached the highest point in the state of KY on the top of Black Mountain (4154 ft) and then headed down the mountain on into Big Stone Gap. Lynne also had us take a side route called the Little Shepherds Trail. It most certainly got its name from the fact that it is VERY narrow. That got tested when out of nowhere a car approached us. We had to put our 2 wheels on the non-existent berm to allow it to pass. Fortunately, we stayed on this for just a short distance!

We arrived in Big Stone Gap and chilled for a bit at the hotel and then rode back into town for the Grillin' in the Gap Fair. We decided to eat dinner at Curklin's, which turned out to be a great choice. We watched some of the evening's entertainment (Craig Street Ramblers). Their lead guitar player was shredding it!

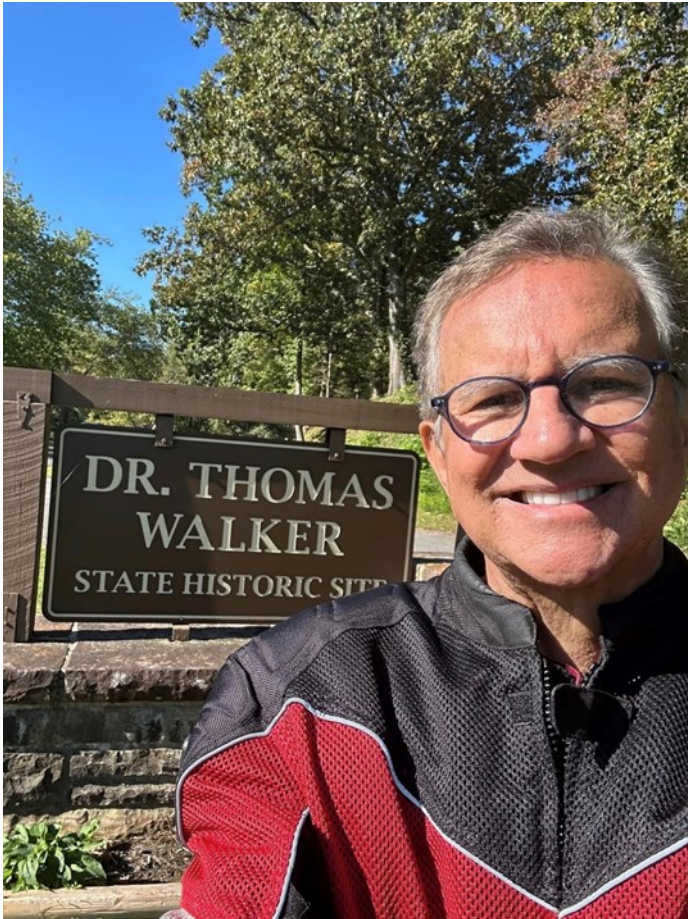
Sunday morning after breakfast we headed towards home, through the Pennington Gap and hitting the towns of Cawood, Harlan, Pineville and Barbourville. We took a slight detour in Barbourville to visit the Dr. Tomas Walker historic site (a famous explorer that made the first known trip through the Cumberland Gap).

We had lunch at the The Back Porch Smokehouse on Lake Linville near Renfro, KY.

We bid our goodbyes around Danville, KY and were thankful for great weather both days.







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

Evolution is a wondrous thing. Every living organism was once something different, and because of random events and learned behavior, has become what it is now. In the animal kingdom, there are those that hunt, and those that are hunted. Evolution has yielded physical and mental abilities that help both in their quest for survival.

One of the key differences between predator and prey is the location of the animals' eyes. Hunters like bears and wolves have eyes that are set to look forward. Peripheral vision is available, but the total window from which their brain sees the world is not more than 180 degrees wide. They must turn their head to get a clear and detailed picture of what is to the sides and behind them. But with both eyes focused forward, these animals can very capably target their next meal. Hunted animals like deer and squirrels have their eyes set looking more to each side of their head. Along with peripheral vision, they have a window of over 300 degrees of view the world. They barely need to turn their head at all to see everything around them. They can easily notice another animal's movements and get a head start on their escape from becoming the next meal.

Human beings have eyes placed like a hunter. As motorcyclists, this physical trait offers us both advantages and disadvantages. Like the wolf, we can focus ahead and find at great distance any object or pitfall that may be in our path. Uniquely, at the same time as we are hunting for obstacles ahead, we are also the hunted. As we travel faster, we need to look farther forward so we can react in time to stay alive. But the farther forward we look, the narrower our window to the world becomes. We must move our eyes and our heads up and down, side to side, and remember to check our mirrors, to get a complete picture of the dangers that lie in wait to spoil our day.

This time of year, we have perhaps the greatest number of animals, people, obstacles, and events that are hunting us. Late September and early October is prime time for the deer rut. Normally shy, these animals are driven to seek each other to mate, and will often choose the shortest route over the safest one to get where they want to go. Likewise, human youth are going back to school with new schedules and new relationships that have them distracted while they travel the same streets we are riding. Like the deer, they tend to throw caution aside to get where they want to go. Falling leaves become slick and hazardous when they land on the roadway, especially in the rain. Walnuts and hedge apples are very slick and hazardous obstacles, and one should use extreme caution when they are sighted on the road, as more may fall at any moment. And road crews working to wrap up their summer projects are now applying the new asphalt surface to the highway. The first rain after paving is the most dangerous time as any lightweight oils mixed into the asphalt to keep it pliable will quickly rise to the surface.

Be safe and vigilant this Fall. Evolve your riding style. Be a hunter, but remember you are being hunted too.

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

Lily Broome	11/9
Jonathan Jones	11/10
Julie Tucker	11/17

Anniversaries

Helena and Roy Taulbee	10/21
Linda and Randy Hyde	10/29
Jayne Ellen and Tim Mourning	11/9
Angela and Kevin Carter	11/11



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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.