



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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I can't believe the calendar says it's November already. It's been a short riding season for me and I hope next year will be much better.

I am thrilled that Jim Springate has accepted the Ride Coordinator role for our Chapter. He has planned and led some of our rides this year and will be an awesome Ride Coordinator. If you have any suggestions for rides, please let Jim know.

We plan to have our Christmas Party 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.

The State Operations meeting is planned for 1/27/24 in Northern Kentucky. This is a great opportunity to learn about the events for our State and is also a time to socialize with other chapters. On Saturday night there will be a Prom 2024 themed event. [Please check on the State website, https://www.kyroadriders.org/](https://www.kyroadriders.org/), for more details.

Ride Safe,
Roger Early
Chapter Director



State News

2024 Operations Meeting

The 2024 KRR Operations Meeting will be held, Saturday, January 27, 2024.

Where: The Burlington Historical Courthouse, 2988 Washington St., Burlington, KY 41005

Start Time: 8:30am

The KRR Prom 2024 will be held that evening, 6-10pm (details to follow)

There will also be a social activity Friday night, January 26th, 2024 (details to follow)

Hotel Information:

Hampton Inn Hebron, 755 Petersburg Rd, Hebron, KY 41048

Room Rate: \$114.00 + tax per night

Group Name: Kentucky Road Riders OPS Meeting

Reservations need to be made by December 26, 2023 to secure block rate.

Prom 2024

The KRR Prom 2024 will be held, Saturday, January 27, 2024.

Where: The Burlington Historical Courthouse, 2988 Washington St., Burlington, KY 41005

Time: 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Passport Program

The 2023 Kentucky Passport Program was introduced at the 2023 OPS meeting. The purpose of the program is to encourage individuals to visit all of the chapters in the state. The program runs from the 2023 OPS Meeting to the 2024 OPS Meeting. Simply print the Passport and when you visit a chapter, have the Chapter Director (or Assistant Director) add their initials and date to the Passport. Everyone that visits all of the Chapters will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the 2024 OPS Meeting.

Kentucky Road Riders Shirt

The State Team is proud to introduce an official Kentucky Road Riders shirt. The shirts can hopefully be used when several Kentucky Road Riders attend an event such as other State Rallies or the Wing'd Rally. For more information about the shirt, go to <https://blankstore.club/shop/ols/categories/ky-road-riders-state-shirt>.

Ride In

The 2024 Ride In will be held in Henderson, Kentucky and will be hosted by Chapter K. Please check on the State website, <https://www.kyroadriders.org/>, for more details.

The Blast

The 2024 Blast will return to the Showroom in Danville on 8/15/24 to 8/17/24. The theme will be “70’s Hippie’s Bash – Peace Love and Motorcycles”. Rider courses will be held on 8/18/24 at the same location. Please check on the State website, <https://www.kyroadriders.org/>, for more details.

A block of hotel rooms has been setup at the Hampton Inn and the Holiday Inn Express in Danville. The room rate is \$129. The name of the block is Wing’D Riders, KY Blast. Use the following links to make your reservations:

Hampton Inn: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/wing-d-riders-ky-blast/>

Holiday Inn Express: <https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=DVVEX&PMID=99801505&GPC=WRD&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Please mark your calendar and check back later for more details.

Roger Early

Chapter Director

Ride Coordinator Report

I want to thank the Chapter and Roger, for their confidence in me for my appointment to Ride Coordinator.

I like the committee model that was established last year. Right now, Frank, Mitch and I are on the committee. We need a couple of new members. If you are interested helping plan and lead rides for the Chapter please contact me. I expect we will meet sometime in February and brainstorm destinations. My goal is 2-3 rides per month, and a few impromptu rides when the weather is particularly nice, or when previous rides get rained out. I will be announcing the rides on primarily on Facebook, but I will send out a notice via email as well. It is easier for me if attendees RSVP for rides through the Facebook portal. I don't know about you, but I get about 70 emails a day, and sometimes things get lost in the clutter. My goal is to post the rides on the events section of our Facebook page so we keep track of upcoming rides without having to go through all our old emails. We will put the date, time and destination up initially, and then post the route as time permits.

Have you tried to figure out Basecamp? Me too. No joy. I found route planning software that I was able to figure out. It gives turn by turn directions, and is supported by Apple Car Play. The name of the software is Scenic. Right now, it is only available for Apple users, (Mac, iPhone and iPad) but an Android version is expected at some point in the future. I have been creating routes on my iPad. Scenic stores them in the cloud and I can then call up the route on my iPhone. I then use the phone as a GPS with turn by turn directions. Scenic has maps saved so you do not have to worry about cell service. It isn't free, but it is the easiest way I know of to plan and navigate a ride. If you have an interest, fool around with it and see if you like it. Routes are shareable (via email and Facebook) and can be converted to GPX.

The only ride we've had after last months newsletter was the ride for Cupcakes and Coffee after our meeting on October 21st. We started at Roosters and embarked upon a meandering route through Fayette and Woodford Counties, and ended up at Kristens Kreations and Amsden Coffee in Versailles. We had a great time viewing the Central Kentucky countryside. And the Cupcakes weren't bad either!

Don't forget about our Christmas party on December 5. Kickstands up at 6:30 at Roosters on Richmond Road.

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Hey Chapter C!

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

Hello everyone. I would like to thank all our veterans for keeping this great country safe and free so we can enjoy riding how, where and when we want.

A thought to ponder for this month:

**Your mind is the garden.
Your thoughts are the seeds.
You can grow flowers or
you can grow weeds!**

What are you choosing to grow today?

For me, Fall is full of activities and events. It seems there are hundreds of festivals and harvest gatherings every weekend until Thanksgiving. If work was not so crazy-busy for me, I might be able to enjoy some of them. I was fortunate enough to be granted two days off last month and took the opportunity to take a short ride to the Virginia Rally in Roanoke. Planning for that trip took most of my free time for October, but it did give me a chance to get some fresh air and nearly 1200 miles to ponder my next article.

On our way home from the Rally on Sunday, in a small West Virginia town where we decided a local Italian restaurant looked like a good option for lunch, we were suddenly reminded that education can happen at any time in any place. It is often written that to stay alive while riding a motorcycle, it is important to be vigilant to see the dangers around you, to anticipate where dangers you cannot see may appear, and to ride in a manner that permits you to be seen by other motorists and road users. I believe we were doing exactly that when, immediately after parking in the restaurant lot, we were greeted by the local Deputy Sheriff. He was very eager to explain to us the rules associated with the red octagon signs we had just rolled past, and how these rules are for our own safety and for the safety of others. When he was finished with his educational lecture, we thanked him for sharing his knowledge and promised to practice safe riding henceforth.

That's all for this month. Please stay safe, remember an educational moment can happen any time, and for those who participate, have a happy Thanksgiving.

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

Jim Fields	11/21
Joni Conner	12/13
Roy Taulbee	12/13
Karen Early	12/14
Scott Gray	1/15

Anniversaries

Joni and John Conner	11/21
Peggy and Richard Prang	11/23
Karen and Jim Fields	11/25



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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.