



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Merry Christmas Chapter C!

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We had a great time at our Christmas Party on 12/5. We enjoyed some wonderful food and fellowship and ended the evening with our Dirty Santa Gift Exchange.

There were several gifts "stolen" but all were within the rules of the game. I have included several pictures in this newsletter. If you want to see more, go to:

<https://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/nggallery/2023/christmas-party-12-5-23>

At the Christmas Party, Alan announced the 2024 Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year. Alan consulted with folks in the chapter to get their input and I think did another great job in selecting our Couple and Individual of the Year. The couple of the year is Tim and Jayne Ellen Mourning and the Individual of the Year is Mitch Lawrence. This is an honorary selection and Tim, Jayne Ellen and Mitch are very deserving of these roles. They represent our Chapter very well. Please congratulate them when you see them.

I'm very happy to announce that Dedre has accepted the role as our Chapter MEC. She was already helping out with many of the MEC duties and I appreciate her taking on the role for our Chapter.

As we wrap up 2023, we need to determine our high mileage winner. For those that chose to send me your starting mileage, please send me your ending mileage for 2023. We will announce the winner at our meeting in January.

Karen and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ride Safe,

Roger Early









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

Frank, Mitch , John Conner, Matt and I constitute the Ride Coordinator committee. We will meet in early February to begin putting together rides for the year. If you have a destination in mind, let one of us know, or better yet, join the committee! Committee members, please brainstorm 10-15 destinations. We will need day rides and after meeting shorter rides. Ideally, we can give everyone a chance to lead rides.

My goal is to get destinations and dates up as events on our Facebook page. We can come back later to create a route, rally point and other ride particulars.

We will have a New Years Day breakfast, and afterwards a ride. We will meet at Jerry's in Paris at 10:00 am. Those with good sense arriving by car are welcome too! The hardy souls that arrive via motorcycle will go on a ride after brekfast.

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 new 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.

Dedre VanHoose

~~Interim Acting Pretending~~ MEC

District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

For my last article for 2023, I thought I would share some technical information about lithium, a chemical element of the [alkali metal](#) group that is the lightest metal known and one that is used especially in alloys and glass, in mechanical lubricants, and in storage batteries. In the periodic table, its symbol is Li, its atomic weight is 6.939, its atomic number is 3, and its specific gravity is 0.53 at 20°C.

Lithium is the 33rd most abundant element on Earth, but it does not naturally occur in its pure form due to its high reactivity. Lithium metal, due to its alkaline properties, is corrosive and reacts with water. Breathing lithium dust or alkaline lithium compounds irritates respiratory tracts. Prolonged exposure to lithium can cause nervous system disorders, and it can cause fluid to build-up in the lungs, leading to pulmonary edema. The metal itself is a handling hazard because of the caustic hydroxide produced when it is in contact with water, which can cause an explosion.

There are three sources of lithium: underground mines, surface clay, recycling, and brine water. [87 percent](#) of the world's lithium comes from the brine water, with the [highest lithium concentrations](#) found in Bolivia, Argentina, and Chile.

Lithium mining carries high environmental costs. Mining companies operating in the salt plains of South America, which are essentially high deserts, require extensive extraction operations and use nearly two-thirds of the available fresh water, leaving very little for farming and livestock.

The smallest currently available source of lithium is that contained in recycled electronics. While lithium recycling is not yet capable of yielding material pure enough for reuse in batteries, it can be used in glass and ceramics, the second-largest lithium-consuming industry after the manufacturing of lithium-ion batteries.

And, since the Thanksgiving holiday seems to come and go so quickly:

Q: Fruit comes from a fruit tree, so where does turkey come from? A: A poul-tree.

Q. If pilgrims traveled on the Mayflower, what do college students travel on? A. Scholar ships

Q: What would you get if you crossed a turkey with a ghost? A: A poultrygeist!

I hope your holidays are safe and happy.

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.