



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



February 2024



Chapter C!

I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy some of the warm and dry days we have had at the start of February. Be extra careful this time of year because people are not used to motorcycles being on the road.

The Chapter Team had a meeting after our last chapter meeting and talked about the riding for this year as well as the dinner rides. Jim and his Ride Coordinator Committee will be meeting soon to layout the dates and possibly the destinations for our rides. Dedre has agreed to plan the dinner rides and has already sent a note listing some of them. We are trying to plan the rides and dinners early so we can get them on everyone's schedule.

The State Operations meeting was held on 1/27. I was not able to attend but I did call into the Chapter Director's meeting. We had a good discussion, and I was glad Mike was also in the meeting. I had several State website updates to make after the OPS meeting including the new Passport Program. There were several people that completed the 2023 Passport and each of them had a chance to win a registration to the 2024 Ride In and Blast. A drawing was held to determine the winner. Kathy Hensley, of Chapter K won the drawing.

Ride Safe,

Roger Early

Chapter Director

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State News

Passport Program

The Kentucky Passport Program was introduced at the 2023 OPS meeting and was well received so a new passport program was started at the 2024 OPS meeting. The purpose of the program is to encourage individuals to visit all the chapters in the state. The program runs from the 2024 OPS Meeting to the 2025 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 the Chapters will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the 2025 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

Not a lot going on in the Ride Coordinator position on this cold February. The Ride Coordinator Committee will meet this month and get the ball rolling for the upcoming year.

If you have any ride destinations in mind, Please contact me, Frank Hardy, Mitch Lawrence, John Conner, or Matthew Smith.

We do have several upcoming dinner rides:

Thursday, February 22 will be at Joe Bologna's, 120 W. Maxwell, Lexington, 40508. We will eat at 6pm. Please RSVP to Dedre at our gathering or after you receive the email reminder.

Monday, March 4 we will meet at Red State BBQ, 4020 Georgetown Rd, Lexington, 40511 at 6pm.

Tuesday, March 26 we will meet at Ramsey's Diner, 4391 Old Harrodsburg Rd, Lexington, 40513 at 6pm.

Two and four wheels are welcome!

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate
Ride Coordinator

For more information about the rides and future dates please see our events calendar at:

<http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events/>.

If you want to see photos from our past events, check out the following page:

<http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/>

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Happy February Chapter C!

One month closer to riding season! I know quite a few of you are suffering from PMS.....Parked Motorcycle Syndrome!

We had visitors in the house at our January gathering. Chapter G won the plaque, so we need to go there to get it back again! They meet on Tuesday, January 13. Bring your own food and eat/socialize at 6pm, meet at 7. So far Tim, Jayne Ellen and Mike are heading that way. Please let Mike know if you can join in the fun! Chapter G also has the Couple AND Individual of the Year Mascots. Come along and meet Monty the monkey and Zeke the zebra! The current plan is to meet at Wendy's at Exit 129 off I-75 in Georgetown at 5:00.

On January 25, Jeff, Pam, Tim, Jayne Ellen, Frank and Dedre enjoyed Woody's Bar and Grill in Winchester. Good food and good company on a rainy night. Tonight, Monday, February 5, Tim, Jayne Ellen, Mike, Dedre, John and Jim enjoyed Mancino's. John even rode his bike! Good chats and good food!

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Tim and Jayne Ellen received their Couple of the Year medallions at the State Operations meeting in January. Their daughter Katie did the honors of presenting the medallions to her parents! Picture below.

We look forward to seeing you at our next gathering – Saturday, February 17, eat at 11 and meet at 12!

Dedre and Mike VanHoose

MEC



District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Now that we have had a few months away from riding, let us test our knowledge about our favorite hobby. The answers to the questions below can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, and at the Oregon DMV.

1. How should you keep your body position when stopping quickly?
 - A. Knees against the tank and eyes up.
 - B. Knees away from the tank and eyes up.
 - C. Knees against the tank and wrists up.
2. If you must stop quickly while turning, a good technique is to:
 - A. Straighten the motorcycle, square the handlebars, and then stop.
 - B. Apply the front brake and increase your lean angle.
 - C. Apply brakes first and lean away from the turn.
3. When swerving, it is important to:
 - A. Brake and swerve at the same time.
 - B. Swerve in the direction the hazard is traveling.
 - C. Separate braking from swerving.
4. What is the only proven remedy to remove alcohol from your body?
 - A. Hot coffee.
 - B. Time.
 - C. Physical exercise.
5. Prescription drugs:
 - A. Always help you ride safer.
 - B. Are safe to use while riding.
 - C. Can affect your ability to ride safely.
6. To compensate for the slower reaction time in very cold weather, you should:
 - A. Ride close to other vehicles.
 - B. Speed up.
 - C. Increase your following distance.
7. When choosing a helmet, for the best fit, make sure the helmet:
 - A. Loosely fits the top of your head.
 - B. Tightly fits at the base, loosely at the top.
 - C. Fits snugly all the way around your head.
8. What type of riding gear provides the best protection when riding a motorcycle:
 - A. Denim jeans.
 - B. Synthetic or leather clothing.
 - C. Cotton pants.
9. Before every ride, it is important to:
 - A. Change the oil.
 - B. Conduct a pre-ride check.
 - C. Reset the odometer.
10. How should you position your hands on the handgrips?
 - A. Keep the left wrist down.
 - B. Keep the right wrist up.

11. What is the “friction zone”?
 - A. Point on the clutch where the engine’s power begins to transmit to the rear wheel.
 - B. Point when the clutch warms up.
 - C. Point on the throttle where the engine’s power begins to transmit to the rear wheel.
12. To bring your motorcycle to a stop:
 - A. Squeeze the front brake lever gradually and drag your feet until stopped.
 - B. Grab the front brake lever and firmly press down on the rear brake pedal until stopped.
 - C. Squeeze the front brake lever and press down on the rear brake pedal gradually until stopped.
13. What are the four steps for turning?
 - A. Slow, Look, Roll, Press.
 - B. Search, Evaluate, Decide, Execute.
 - C. Evaluate, Accelerate, Brake, Roll.
14. The biggest danger for a motorcycle in an intersection is:
 - A. Drivers tailgating you.
 - B. Drivers turning left in front of you.
 - C. Improper lane positions.
15. In which portion of the lane should you position yourself?
 - A. The left portion of the lane.
 - B. The lane portion where you are most likely to be seen.
 - C. The right portion of the lane.
16. What is an escape route?
 - A. An alternate path of travel you can take if a hazard develops.
 - B. A nearby roadway to take if traffic is heavy.
 - C. A safe place to stop when weather or roadway conditions are poor.
17. What can you do to safely corner on a crowned road?
 - A. Lean your body to the left side of the road.
 - B. Ride in the right portion of the lane.
 - C. Use caution and slow down.
18. When riding in strong wind:
 - A. Move away from other vehicles as they approach or pass you.
 - B. Ride close to other vehicles to shield you from the wind.
 - C. Lean away from the wind and lighten your hold on the handgrip.
19. If a dog approaches your motorcycle, the safest thing to do is:
 - A. Slow down and downshift, then accelerate away from the dog as it approaches.
 - B. Speed up to get out of the dog’s reach.
 - C. Maintain your speed and position your motorcycle as far away from the dog as you can.
20. Extra weight of a passenger or cargo will:
 - A. Improve the way your motorcycle handles improving the handling characteristics.
 - B. Affect the way your motorcycle handles, requiring extra practice, preparation, and caution.
 - C. Have no additional impact on the motorcycle’s maneuvering abilities.
21. When you tell your passenger you are about to start from a stop, they should:
 - A. Tighten their hold.
 - B. Lean to the right side.
 - C. Move back in the seat.

22. If you need to avoid a collision while riding a three-wheel motorcycle, the best option may be:

- A. Swerving.
- B. Hard braking.
- C. Accelerating.

23. Entering a turn or curve too fast may cause the vehicle to:

- A. Suddenly speed up.
- B. Suddenly stall.
- C. Cross into another lane of traffic.

24. When riding three-wheel motorcycles in groups, ride:

- A. In staggered formation.
- B. In single file.
- C. Beside other vehicles.

25. When turning a three-wheel motorcycle:

- A. Move back on the seat to increase rear wheel traction.
- B. Counter steer to reduce lean angle.
- C. Lean or shift your weight in the direction of the turn.

Richard Artmayer

KY State Educator

ANSWERS NEXT PAGE

Answer key

1. A. Knees against the tank and eyes up.
2. A. Straighten the motorcycle, square the handlebars, and then stop.
3. C. Separate braking from swerving.
4. B. Time.
5. C. Can affect your ability to ride safely.
6. C. Increase your following distance.
7. C. Fits snugly all the way around your head.
8. B. Synthetic or leather clothing.
9. B. Conduct a pre-ride check.
10. C. Keep your right wrist flat.
11. A. Point on the clutch where the engine's power begins to transmit to the rear wheel.
12. C. Squeeze the front brake lever and press down on the rear brake pedal gradually until stopped.
13. A. Slow, Look, Roll, Press.
14. B. Drivers turning left in front of you.
15. B. The lane portion where you are most likely to be seen.
16. A. An alternate path of travel you can take if a hazard develops.
17. C. Use caution and slow down.
18. A. Move away from other vehicles as they approach or pass you.
19. A. Slow down and downshift, then accelerate away from the dog as it approaches.
20. B. Affect the way your motorcycle handles, requiring extra practice, preparation, and caution.
21. A. Tighten their hold.
22. B. Hard braking.
23. C. Cross into another lane of traffic.
24. B. In single file.
25. C. Lean or shift your weight in the direction of the turn.

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

None

Anniversaries

None



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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.