



# Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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I hope you have yourself and your bike ready for riding season. Jim and his committee have been busy getting the dates and destinations for our upcoming rides. Dedre is doing a great job finding restaurants for our dinner gatherings. I have been trying to keep up with them by adding the various events to our Chapter Calendar which can be found at <https://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events-calendar/>. Please review the calendar and mark the dates on your calendar so you can join us for the rides and dinners.

While you are updating your calendar, please make sure you change the date for our August meeting to the 24<sup>th</sup> instead of the 17<sup>th</sup>. We moved it a week later since the Kentucky State Blast is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup>.

I have still not been out on my bike yet due to my knee surgery, but I am hoping to take a few short rides soon. I'm still having Physical Therapy sessions and my knee is usually very sore the day after the session. Since I go twice a week, that has limited my opportunities to ride. I have only ridden one time since August of 2023, so I plan to do some solo rides to make sure I am not too rusty to ride with the group. I can't wait to start riding again.

Ride Safe,

Roger Early



## 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&regionCode=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

Hey Guys!

Our next ride will be after our April 20th meeting. We will be riding to Beans Bakery and Coffee Shop in Dry Ridge.

On April 27th we will be riding to Red River Gorge. We will have lunch at the best restaurant in the Gorge, Miguels Pizza. Assembly point and start times TBA.

On May 4th we will ride to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Some of you may be shocked that I know a pretty good BBQ restaurant close by. Assembly point and start times TBA.

After the meeting on May 18, 2024, we will ride to Grandma's Ice Cream in Bardstown.

Save the dates!

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

For more information about the rides and future dates please see our Facebook page or 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/>

## State Membership Enhancement

Can any of you believe the weather we are having? I have seen numerous bikes on the road during these warmer days and I am hoping to get out myself soon.

It is sooo good to see the chapters visiting with each other and hopefully the new riding season will contribute to even more visitation. As you travel, don't forget to have your passports signed! I personally would love to see 50+ members compete for the passport prize, and it's all up to you to make that happen.

Over the past months I have heard current members express concern about the quality or lack thereof of our national organization. I cannot force any of you to accept anything other than what you perceive as factual about the Wing'd Rider organization. Here is what I offer to you. Think back to the days when the GWRRA first began. It took them several years to bring that to prominence. All new things begin small and take time to grow and develop. Today, we are the Kentucky Road Riders. We are a part of the Wing'd Rider organization. This gives us a national organization that supports our chapters and states, all while giving us individually a place to gather and socialize. They do not demand from us like the GWRRA did. My hope is that you give the organization time to grow and mature, and in turn grow yourselves within our state. We have, as a state, set a standard for others. We are the only state where all our chapters agreed to become Wing'd Rider participants. We are the only state to continue the Membership Enhancement Program. We have set ourselves as unique among the others and I for one kind of like that idea. Your membership in Wing'd Rider gives you a chapter to associate with without any further requirements. Your membership is what you make of it! It is your chapter that supports you and provides you with the opportunities we all enjoy. In time, we will see growth and an ever bigger national rally that everyone wants.

For January, our Newsletter of the Month winner is Chapter G! Congratulations!!!!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose  
Kentucky MEPC

## Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Greetings Chapter C!

First and most important – thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for Mike and me. Mike is more than halfway through the radiation treatments and they are working!

Seven of us enjoyed dinner at Ramsey's on March 26. Tim, Jayne Ellen, Frank, John C, Jim S, Denise H and Dedre enjoyed a good meal and great company! Frank enjoyed a piece of key lime pie and I think he'll be returning to Ramsey's!

On Wednesday, April 3 we had a bunch join me for my favorite Wednesday only special at Cracker Barrel. Alan, Shea, Frank, Pam, Tim, Jayne Ellen, Roy, Jim S, Mike, Dedre and son Ben had a great time catching up. Yes, I did get to eat my favorite broccoli cheddar chicken! We even remembered a picture this time!

Our next dinner ride will be Thursday, April 25 at Copper River in Nicholasville. We will be at the restaurant by 6:15, but if you want to take the long way there, meet at the Kroger in Versailles at 5:15.

On Monday, May 6 we will have dinner at Wallace Station outside of Midway. Stay tuned to email for further details!

Saturday, April 13 is all hands on deck to go to Chapter A in Louisville to capture the traveling plaque. They eat at 11 and meet at 12 at the Rooster's on Shelbyville Rd in Louisville. We will leave from the Versailles Kroger at 10am, but can meet others along the route. Give Dedre a call or email if you will join us.

Join us on May 31 and June 1 for the Kentucky Ride-In in Henderson, KY. Chapter K knows how to have FUN, so it will be a great time!

Dedre





## District Educator Report

### **Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator**

It is true that the most common topics of this column are about the concerns of the rider. Perhaps this is because I am one, or because there are more riders than co-riders. But far be it from me to put the interests of the co-rider in the back seat! This month I would like to share an interesting quiz I found on the website of the Harley Owners Group Winchester Chapter #5372.

#### Co-Rider Level I Knowledge Test

1. Co-Riders should help the Rider balance the motorcycle at stops by putting their feet on the ground. True:  False:
2. Co-Riders should keep their feet slightly forward on their floorboards or pegs to keep from being forced forward when stopping. True:  False:
3. The Co-Rider should mount the motorcycle and be ready to go, even before the Rider gets to the motorcycle. True:  False:
4. While riding through a turn or a curve, look over the Riders shoulder in the direction of the turn. True:  False:
5. The Co-Rider should have the same level of safety clothing as the Rider does. True:  False:
6. Your helmet should be at least DOT approved. True:  False:
7. If your Rider has passed an Experienced Rider Course you can count on a safe ride. True:  False:
8. The Co-Rider should inform the Rider before mounting or dismounting the motorcycle. True:  False:
9. It's not important for the Co-Rider to be looking through a turn, as long as the Rider does. True:  False:
10. If the motorcycle starts to fall over while not moving, the Co-Rider should put their foot down to help the Rider stabilize the bike. True:  False:
11. If the Rider becomes disabled during a ride, the Co-Rider should grab the brakes. True:  False:
12. If the Rider becomes disabled during a ride, the Co-Rider should push the Rider off the motorcycle, so that you can at least save yourself. True:  False:
13. The engine cut-off switch will immediately stop the motorcycle. True:  False:
14. Don't expose any skin that you're not willing to lose. True:  False:

15. The C.B.'s main purpose is to communicate with the other Co-Riders. True: \_\_\_ False: \_\_\_
16. Your Rider would probably appreciate while you're pointing things out, that you include descriptive locations. True: \_\_\_ False: \_\_\_
17. Moving around during a ride has no effect on the Riders control of the Motorcycle. True: \_\_\_ False: \_\_\_
18. The added weight of the Co-Rider will affect turning and stopping of the motorcycle. True: \_\_\_ False: \_\_\_
19. The speed of the motorcycle and body movement have no bearing on each other. True: \_\_\_ False: \_\_\_
20. Wait until just after you and your Rider are moving to tell him that you must go to the bathroom. True: \_\_\_ False: \_\_\_

Answers:

1. F 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. T 6. T 7. F 8. T 9. F 10. F 11. F 12. F  
13. F 14. T 15. F 16. T 17. F 18. T 19. F 20. F

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**

Earl & Lily Broome 5/5

**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.**