



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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We had a good turnout for our chapter dinner at Copper River in Nicholasville on 4/25. It was great to see everyone, and the food was great.

The Ride In in Henderson is just around the corner. It starts on Friday, 5/31 and ends on 6/1. I am planning to attend and hope we have great weather. Please consider joining the fun. Chapter K is the host and I'm looking forward to it. I am planning to leave on 5/30 and return on 6/2. If you would like to ride to/from Henderson with me, please let me know.

Our next meeting is 5/18 at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00. Please come join us. There will be a ride to get some ice cream after the meeting, as long as the weather cooperates.

Ride Safe,

Roger Early

Chapter Director



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

Hey Guys!

Our next ride will be after our May 18th meeting. We will be riding to Bud and Cheryl's Ice Cream outside of Danville. What a great place for our after meeting desert.

Our next scheduled ride is to Hillbilly Hotdogs on June 8th. Details will be posted soon. Who among us will be able to finish the world famous Widowmaker! 30-inch 2-Pound Weenie, and 4-Pounds of toppings. I don't want to ride behind you!

The cancelation of the Windy Nine ride creates an opening for a ride on May 25th. The ride committee will meet in emergency session to come up with a destination for that day. Standby.

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!

As I write this, rain is on the forecast for 9 straight days, so I doubt if much riding is going on, unfortunately!

On Thursday, April 25 10 of us drove to Copper River in Nicholasville for dinner. Good food and good company with Earl, Lily, Gerry, Denise, Tim, Jayne Ellen, Roger, Karen, Mike and Dedre. We even remembered to take the picture!

On Monday, May 13 we will have dinner at Wallace Station at 6pm. (3854 Old Frankfort Pike, Versailles). Hopefully the weather will cooperate for us to eat outside! I don't have a separate meeting place for this ride since the restaurant is central to everyone. I will publish the list of who is planning to attend, so hopefully folks can pair up to ride with someone to the restaurant from their location.

On Wednesday, May 29, let's meet at Cluckers in Versailles at 6pm. (480 Lexington Rd, Versailles). It's in the Woodford Plaza behind Wendy's.

Chapter G currently has the traveling plaque. They meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7pm. Mike and I are not available that night, but if three folks are willing to go, please try to capture it for us! Email Dedre if you are willing to go.

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! Mike and I will be heading out early Friday morning and coming back Sunday if anyone would like to travel with us. Saturday night will be Chapter K's meeting, so visitation points are available! Your registration fee includes a catered dinner Friday night and a pancake breakfast on Saturday. Please see the registration form on the state website for more information.

Dedre



District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

Rider education is more than just learning and practicing tips and techniques on how to handle your motorcycle to keep yourself and your passenger safe. It is also about recognizing what we do as operators of two- and three-wheeled vehicles and how those actions affect others.

The primary goal when using our public highway system is to arrive alive at our destination. Interacting with other motor vehicles on the road requires us to work with strangers to travel safely and efficiently. To do this successfully, society has developed a set of rules on how we are to share our roads to keep traffic flowing smoothly and to reduce confusion that can contribute to collisions and other unfortunate events. These rules continue to evolve and change to accommodate recent technologies and human behaviors. And while these rules help, it is up to all of us to pay constant attention to new situations that can occur at any moment. We have learned to pay attention to other road users' body language as clues to what they may be intending to do next.

The bodies of drivers in cars and trucks are normally hidden from view, offering few clues as to what they are thinking or planning to do next. But the bodies of motorcyclists are very much in full view. Every physical action we make can be observed by other road users. This can be good or bad. To many uneducated drivers, certain actions common to motorcycling can be confusing. It is our responsibility to be aware that what we are doing could unintentionally cause an issue.

Here are some examples of actions which may cause confusion for other road users. While many of us use some sort of radio communication during our rides, we also use many hand signals to give others an understanding of what we want to do. Some gestures like a friendly wave to another motorcyclist could be misinterpreted when used in heavy traffic as though you are wanting a motorist to move to a new position on the road. Motorcycles have high compression engines and low gross weights, which allow us to slow the bikes and trikes very easily without using the brakes. But if we are not using the brakes, we are also not signaling that we are slowing our forward progress. An inattentive driver may realize extremely late what is happening and abruptly apply his brakes to prevent a collision. This may also cause him to become upset, even though it is his own mistake. A strong engine, low gross weight, and a small relative size also allow motorcycles to at least appear as if they are accelerating very quickly. This may cause some drivers to think we are racing and attempt to "join the fun." Riding a motorcycle is a physical activity and, especially on a two-wheeler, requires body movement to keep the machine going in the direction we want. Swerving to avoid any number of obstacles or road irregularities may catch the attention of other drivers due to the extreme movement of the bike or trike and our bodies while swerving. These rapid side-to-side changes can trigger anxiety from the unaware.

We all must do what is necessary of course to arrive alive at the end of our journey. But we all have a responsibility to each other not to cause distraction and keep our actions predictable and safe.

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

- Randy Hyde 5/20
- Linda Hyde 5/26
- Dedre VanHoose 6/1
- Lynn Ervin 6/5
- Kathryne Lawrence 6/12

Anniversaries

None



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Paris, KY 40361

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.