



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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I am happy to announce that after my two knee replacements, I am finally riding again. I took several short rides just to see how my knees would feel. Finally, on 5/20 I took some back roads to Bardstown and back and then rode to the Cruise In at Jerry's and back. It was about 5 hours total of riding time and my knees felt fine. On 5/30, I rode to Henderson, Ky to participate in the Ride In. The trip was about 4.5 hours of riding, and I was ready for more once I got there. Even before my knee replacements, I needed to get off the bike and stretch my legs after about 1.5 to 2 hours. On the ride to Henderson, I was able to ride for about 2.5 hours before stopping. *It is great to be riding again!!*

Chapter K hosted the Ride In and did a fantastic job. They opened for registration on Thursday. That evening, we had about 30 bikes ride to the Rockhouse On the River Restaurant in Henderson. The restaurant was originally told we would have about 20 people coming. Thursday afternoon, they updated the estimate to 40 people. We ended up with 58 people going to dinner. We had an outside seating area that looked out over the Ohio River and the weather was perfect. I sat at a table with people from chapters A, G, K, and Y. It was great to socialize with people from all over our state.

On Friday we had several groups go out on guided rides and some people chose to take some self-guided rides. I was asked to be the tail gunner for a group of 11 bikes. I really enjoyed watching all 11 bikes take the hills and curves as we rode about 170 miles. We made several stops which allowed us to socialize and stretch our legs. My group was the largest and had folks from Chapters A, G, and K. We had one group ride to the Land Between Lakes area and ended up riding about 210 miles. Everyone enjoyed their rides, and the Road Captains did an excellent job!



Unfortunately, it rained most of the day on Saturday. After breakfast at the hotel, I put on my rain gear and rode to Hummingbird Hall, the Ride In location. It was the first time I had ridden my bike in the rain and I'll admit I missed having the fairing to keep some of the rain away. Only 7 bikes went on a guided ride due to the weather. The rest of us stayed at Hummingbird Hall, played games, and socialized. I would have preferred to ride more if the weather was better, but I still had a great time and learned a new card game that I have already played with my family. It stopped raining by the time the Ride In was over, so I rode back to the hotel.

On Sunday, I got up and had a quick breakfast at the hotel. I loaded my bag for the bike and secured it to my passenger seat. This trip was the first time I used the bag and it did great. I even used the rain cover for the bag and I was glad I did. I ran into some light rain, but it wasn't too bad. By the time I got home, I had completed about 620 miles for the weekend. It was an awesome weekend!

The 2025 Ride In will be June 6th and 7th in Mayfield, KY. I already have it on the Chapter and State calendars. I hope more people will join us from Chapter C.

Our next chapter meeting is 6/15 at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00. Please come join the fun. Mike or Jeff will be leading the meeting. I have a family event that day and will not be able to attend.

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>.



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.

Ride In

The 2025 Ride In will be held 6/6 to 6/7 in Mayfield, Kentucky and will be hosted by Chapter Y. Please check on the State website, <https://www.kyroadriders.org/>, for more details.

Roger Early

Chapter Director

Ride Coordinator Report

Hey Guys!

Our next ride will be after our June 15th meeting. We will be riding to Hoggy's Ice Cream in historic downtown Frankfort. We will follow a meandering backroads route, including Military Pike, Shannon Run Rd. and Old Frankfort Pk.

Our next scheduled ride is the Bourbon Trail on Saturday July 13th. Details will be posted soon. There will be a few bourbon tasting ground rules though. We encourage members not to imbibe. I recommend bourbon balls, which are even better than the real thing. However if you do choose to partake, you will have to leave for the next stop 5 minutes after the group. I hope you understand the reason for this rule.

Chapter T (Paintsville) has invited us to their cookout on July 20th at the Dewey Dam shelter. This ride will be led by Mike VanHoose. We will leave right after the conclusion of our July meeting. The ride to the Meet and Treat in Manchester OH is cancelled.

On Saturday June 8th a group of us went to Hillbilly Hotdogs on June 8th. It was a great ride with beautiful weather. I had never been there. It is truly a unique experience; and quite popular. I've never been to any place like it. The hotdogs were great...well, as good as hot dogs can be. The company was outstanding.

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? Not too hot. Perfect!

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.

Mike and Dedre VanHoose
Kentucky MEPC

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Greetings Chapter C!

I hope everyone is enjoying these last few days of beautiful weather!

We've had some good dinner rides this past month. On Monday, May 13 we went to Wallace Station. Roger, Karen, Mike, Dedre, Jim S and Shane and Angie Bosley from his Vulcan group enjoyed a wonderful evening outside. On Wednesday, May 29, Gerry, Denise, Mike and Dedre met at Cluckers in Versailles.

Roger, Mike and Dedre enjoyed the Kentucky Ride-In in Henderson, KY. Chapter K knows how to have FUN! Friday was a great weather day and everyone enjoyed the rides. Saturday was rainy, but a few hardy souls went for a ride. We learned two new games that we'd love to teach you all. The State Team does a fantastic job with their events – I hope you all will take advantage of the Blast. It's in our back yard in Danville.

Last week Roger, Karen, Tim, Jayne Ellen, Mike and Dedre met at DaVinci's in Frankfort. It was yummy as usual!

Join us in Frankfort at Sonny's BBQ on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00pm. Then on Monday, July 1 we'll meet at Jerry's in Paris at 6:30pm. I'll send an email reminder before them both.

Dedre

District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

The growth of Wing'D Rider is something that is getting a lot of attention these days. We are all being asked to assist in the efforts to attract more members. Because there is strength in numbers, this will benefit us all. The question of course is how do we attract new members, especially when we feel we are not good speakers or comfortable approaching strangers, or even leaving little ducks on the seats of motorcycles (which I think is a great idea)? How do we find people that want to be with us?

One way to do this is to be the rider or group that you would want to join. A group that is excited about riding and the friendship we are all enjoying now. Presenting a good appearance while you are out on a ride can cause the curious to approach you. Would you want to be part of a group that rolls into a restaurant and haphazardly goes to random spots anywhere, or a group that patiently stays together as they navigate the lot to an open section where they can all be together? Are you not involved or excited about riding? Have you lost the spark you had when you first joined? How do we get that excitement to return?

Read. Subscribe to enthusiast publications or find them at the local library. Motorcycle magazines have many exciting stories of people like us doing what we love to do. The internet has opportunities to learn about riding techniques that can make our sport safer and more entertaining. Knowledge is power and a tool kit you can use when someone asks about your riding skills.

Take classes. After riding for 27 years, I finally took the Basic Riding Course. For me it was mostly a review, but for several others in the class, I was an example to follow. They asked me about my riding because they saw something they wanted.

Practice. Put all the knowledge from the reading material and the riding classes into actual performance. Smoothly navigating through a crowded parking lot or a busy gas station will draw attention to you, in a good way. This attention will increase exponentially when in a group of like-minded riders.

Being the good rider that you are, and working to be the great rider you want to be, will attract people to you. All you need to do is answer their questions with the sincerity and energy that you have for motorcycling. The inquirer will want what you have. Lead by example. Because of your continued practice and education in our sport, you will attract new members without any extra special effort.

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

6/17 Matthew Smith

6/18 Tim Mourning

6/27 Gerry Harris

6/28 Shea Ernest

7/5 Mitch Lawrence

Anniversaries

6/27 Jonathan & Connie Jones

6/28 Al & Lynn Ervin



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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.