



## Derby City Wing Riders

### Kentucky District

### Chapter A

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**Louisville Ky**

**August 2023**



### Director's Track

**Ray & Angela Taylor**

### Chapter Director



A few weeks ago, when thinking about the Kentucky Blast, it seemed so far off Time-wise. Now, suddenly it will be taking place this coming weekend.

Not only is it Blast time, but it also reminds me that August is one-half over. The school year is starting back and our West Virginia and beyond trip is now only a couple of weeks off. I cannot wait for the upcoming trip, but where did this year go?

We can now look forward to our Fall riding season with great scenery, weather, and lots of fun riding together. I only wish that time would slow down so that we could all catch our breath. I say that with tongue

**in cheek because we are all loving the fun that we are having. Thanks to Don and Kent for a fun-filled year of riding. By the way, getting older does not make time slow down.**

**I personally will enjoy the Blast while having fun and seeing old friends. This year promises to be one of our best gatherings in recent memory. Although we are guaranteed to have a great time, I cannot imagine all the time and work that Leah & Rick (and their helpers) have put in in order to make this happen. I am sure that they will all wipe the sweat from their brows when it is in its final moments. I know that we all want to give them a big hand and thank them for their tremendous efforts.**

**Thinking about the coming fall riding season, please do not become complacent and forget all the challenges that the fall season presents like leaves, wet pavement, ice, etc. Just remember to ride safely and always be aware of pavement changes.**

**See you on the road.**



**Ride Coordinator**

**Don Price**

# Assistant Ride Coordinator

**Kent Risen**



## OODA Loop

Last month's article discussed the cognitive bias to continue with your original plan despite new information available. To avoid this, you not only need to be aware of changing circumstances but need a way to logically create an action to change your current plan.

What is the OODA Loop?

The OODA Loop is a decision-making model that stands for Observe, Orient, Decide, and Act. It was developed by the military strategist and United States Air Force Colonel John Boyd and has since found applications in various fields, including aviation, business, and sports. The OODA Loop is a cognitive process designed to help individuals respond rapidly and effectively to changing and unpredictable situations.

### 1. Observe

The first step in the OODA Loop is observation. As a motorcycle rider, maintaining an acute sense of awareness is paramount to identify potential hazards, traffic patterns, weather conditions, and road surfaces. Scanning the environment constantly helps riders to anticipate possible dangers and plan for quick and appropriate actions.

Utilizing the "Five S's" technique - Search, Scan, Select, Sense, and Shoot - riders can systematically assess their surroundings and keep track of everything happening in their visual field. By being proactive and identifying potential risks early on, riders can gain a significant advantage in their decision-making process.

### 2. Orient

The second stage of the OODA Loop involves orientation. Here, riders process the information gathered during observation and analyze its significance. In this phase, it is crucial to comprehend the relationships between different factors, such as the positioning of other vehicles, road conditions, and the rider's own capabilities.

Training and experience play a vital role in improving orientation. Novice riders might struggle to make sense of the situation quickly, while seasoned riders can rely on their expertise and instinct to discern the best course of action.

### 3. Decide

Deciding, the third phase, demands quick thinking and rational judgment. Riders must evaluate potential courses of action based on their orientation and choose the most appropriate response to the situation at hand. Decisions may involve avoiding a hazard, adjusting speed, or changing lanes to maintain safety.

Practice and mental preparation can enhance a rider's ability to make informed decisions swiftly. Engaging in defensive riding courses and regularly reviewing safety guidelines can significantly improve decision-making skills under pressure.

### 4. Act



The final stage of the OODA Loop is acting upon the chosen decision. Here, riders put their plans into motion, executing their chosen maneuver or response. Quick and precise execution is critical, as delayed reactions can lead to adverse consequences.

Riders must continuously cycle through the OODA Loop, as new information and changing circumstances require constant adaptation and adjustment on the road.

#### Application of the OODA Loop in Motorcycle Riding

By consciously applying the OODA Loop, motorcyclists can achieve several benefits:

1. **Improved Safety:** Heightened situational awareness and quick decision-making help riders avoid potential hazards and respond effectively to emergencies.
2. **Enhanced Riding Skills:** Regular practice of the OODA Loop can sharpen a rider's cognitive abilities, reflexes, and riding techniques.
3. **Reduced Stress:** Knowing how to handle unexpected situations with the OODA Loop instills confidence, reducing stress and anxiety while riding.
4. **Efficient Riding:** Making prompt and informed decisions allows riders to navigate through traffic more efficiently, ensuring a smoother and enjoyable ride.

Safe motorcycle begins before the ride, being sure your body, mind, and equipment are ready. The OODA loop can begin as soon as you have a plan and begin observing factors which may make for a great ride or possibly make us decide to skip a ride.

By embracing the OODA Loop and combining it with proper training and experience, motorcyclists can enjoy the freedom of the open road while minimizing risks and maximizing safety. Remember, when riding, it's not only about the destination but also the journey and the mastery of the OODA Loop will undoubtedly produce a better experience.

Kent Risen and openai.com.

## There's a life riding on it.



 **LOOK TWICE  
FOR MOTORCYCLES**

**Share the Road.**  
#EndTheStreakTX 



## **Membership Enhancement**

### **Dean Miller/Miles Justice**

A big thanks to all of you who have been having fun taking pictures for the chapter challenges. We are trying to pick places that are easy to get to and snap a picture while being a fun place to visit. Remember

that without your involvement, they are just ideas. Our purpose for these challenges is to get out and ride. If you have any suggestions for photo Ops, please feel free to share!



**August's Copycat Challenge photo was taken at Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY 40207.**

It is a really neat place. Be sure to check out their website, [locustgrove.org](http://locustgrove.org), beforehand because they offer tours, special performances, and even a book sale on certain days. The goal for the Challenge is to reproduce the picture as closely as possible using your bike in place of ours to

be entered to win a \$10 Rooster's gift card at the October meeting (September meeting we will be on the yearly trip).



Congratulations to Tony Johnson for winning the July Copycat Challenge prize!



Be sure while you are out on your bike to be on the lookout for items in the annual scavenger hunt picture competition! The list is posted on the Chapter's Facebook Page, or you can contact either of us to get an electronic copy sent to you. If you are traveling to our August Rally, The Kentucky Blast, you may be able to find a lot of scavenger hunt items as well! We are excited to announce that we already have at least one member that has captured all of the items on the list! The deadline is November 1st to submit your completed list. Also, if anyone needs a couple more rubber ducks for our "You've been Duck'd" membership initiative, please feel free to contact either of us anytime

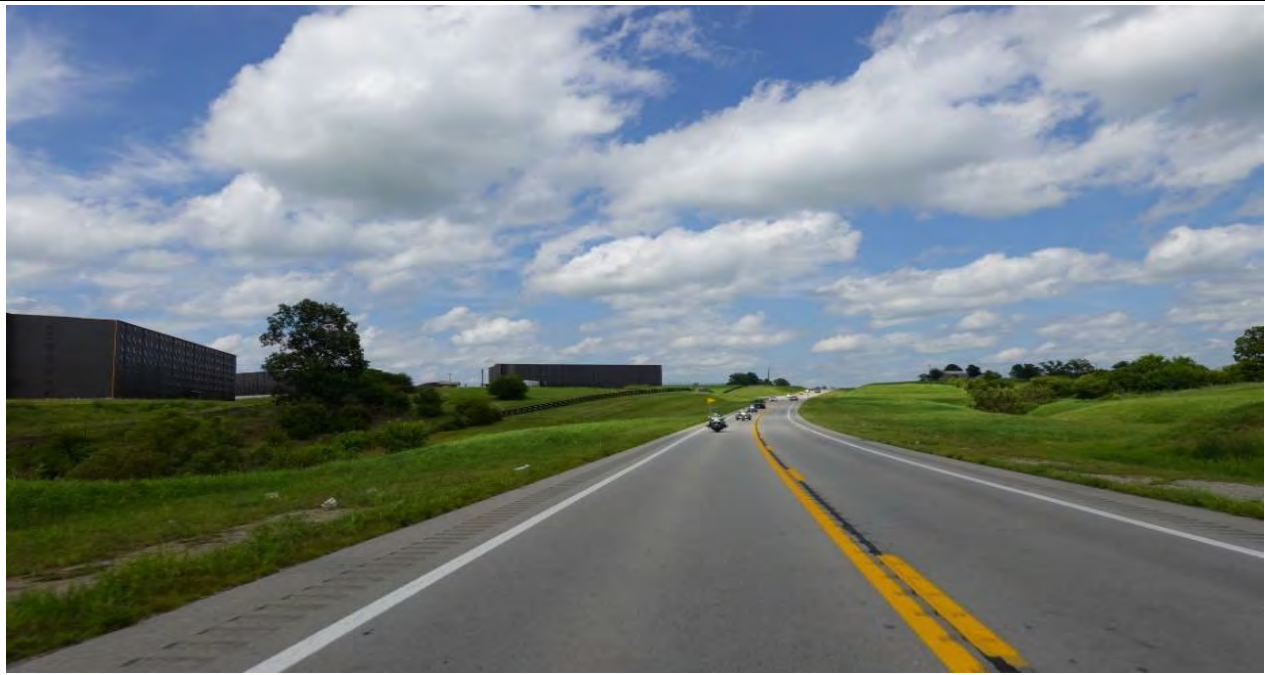


## Chapter Visits:

**August 6<sup>th</sup> Ride to visit Chapter S in Elizabethtown, KY** We had a nice ride through Bardstown to avoid I-65 traffic and then rode down to Etown to visit Chapter S. It was a beautiful day! Chapter S's Directors Steve and Debi Pugh bought a brand new Spyder RT Sea to Sky and boy was it NICE!! We also noticed Chapter S is recruiting some very young members!







**August 6th Chapter G meeting** We rode North to visit Chapter G but had to make a quick food stop before the meeting as they closed their kitchen at the meeting spot again. Also, the meeting was so good we forgot to get photos! Oh well, it's the trip that counts RIGHT??!! I bet it looked something like this photo from a past visit.



### **July 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter C visit**

A nice visit to Lexington where Chapter K won the Traveling Plaque and COY Mascot. Congrats Chapter K! We will see them at the Kentucky Blast in August!!



## 2023 Past Rides:

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### **August 5<sup>th</sup> Ride to The Overlook Leavenworth, IN**







**Editor's desk**    Karen Risen

**Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Kentucky Blast this weekend in Danville!! Don't forget to renew your Wing'd Rider membership so we can keep this great group growing!! Thanks for any and all contributions to the Newsletter it is greatly appreciated!!**



## **2023 Chapter A Rides and Event Schedule:**

**Have suggestions for a ride?? Please contact Don Price or Kent Risen, our Ride Coordinators, and they will make it happen**

**Chapter A's Annual trip: Labor Day Weekend September 2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** Join Chapter A for a weeklong adventure through West Virginia full of great riding, food, and company. We plan to ride through



Tazewell, VA to Marion, VA via the Back of the Dragon then on towards Asheville, NC via the Blue Ridge Parkway, then head west to Chattanooga, TN, and back to Louisville. Open to ALL!

**And we won't even make you wear our shirt but after this week you may want to!!!**

## **September 16<sup>th</sup> General Jackson Showboat Dinner Cruise** **Nashville, TN Meet up with Chapter K**

Chapter K is planning an overnight in Nashville with a lunch or dinner cruise on the General Jackson showboat. Some of Chapter A members are interested in riding down to meet up with them. See Greg Leslie of Chapter K for more information.



**All rides listed are tentative and subject to change due to weather, participation, or availability!! Please check with Chapter A or our facebook page for the most recent updates and ride information!!**

You can find more up to date information for future rides on **Chapter A's Facebook** page or website: **chaptera.org**

## **Kentucky District Events:**



**Rick and Leah  
Cridlin**

Kentucky State  
Directors

## **2023 Ky District Events:**

**Kentucky Blast August 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2023** **It's almost here**  
**Ya'll!!! Hope to see you there!**



# KY Blast Agenda

## Kentucky Round Up

### Thursday, August 17, 2023

9:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open
9:00am – 4:00pm	Vendors Open
9:00am – 4:00pm	Games Open
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wingo – Bay Classroom
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Opening Remarks
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Meet and Greet
5:00pm	Daily Drawing 50/30/20
5:15pm – 6:00pm	Ice Cream Social – Bay Area



Kentucky Roundup  
2023

### Friday, August 18, 2023

9:00am – 5:00pm	Registration Open
9:00am – 5:00pm	Vendors Open
9:00am – 4:00pm	Games Open
9:30am – 5:00pm	Destination Rides - Various Departure Times (Visit Ride Table)
10:30am – 11:30am	RPM Academy Class – Bay Classroom
11:00am – 12:00pm	Chapter Challenges - Showroom
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Wingo – Bay Classroom
2:00p – 3:00pm	COY/IOY Social Hour – Bay Area
3:30pm – 4:30pm	COY/IOY Interviews – Bay Classroom
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Daily Drawing 50/30/20 -
5:15pm – 6:00pm	Skymed Presentation – Bay Classroom
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Vittles – Bay Area
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Shindig – Bay Area
	COY/IOY Presentations
	Chapter Directors vs State Staff Challenge
	Dancing
9:30pm – 10:30pm	Campfire Sing-along
10:30pm	Goodnight!

### Saturday, August 19, 2023

9:00am – 3:00pm	Registration Open
9:00am – 3:00pm	Games Open
9:30am – 3:00pm	Destination Rides – Various Departure Times (Visit Ride Table)
9:00am – 5:00pm	Vendors Open
10:00am – 11:00am	On-Bike Games – Parking Lot
11:00am – 12:00pm	Skymed Presentation – Bay Classroom
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Chapter Challenges - Showroom
2:00pm – 3:00pm	RPM Academy Class – Bay Classroom
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Wingo – Bay Classroom
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Raffle Basket Drawing
	Rider Ed Prize Drawing
4:45pm – 6:00pm	Closing Ceremonies – Bay Area
	50/30/20 Drawing





## October Spook-tacular

The Jack o' Lantern Spectacular is an indescribable event in Louisville, KY. There are 5000 carved pumpkins on display, it is really beyond comprehension. It is at Iroquois Park and the walk is 1/3 of a mile (scooter/wheelchair/stroller accessible). The cost is approximately \$15.00 per person + fees. However, after the new year I will be calling to see if we can get a group rate.

We thought this would be a fun social weekend for the district/state to come together for some low key fun. We would attend the Jack o' Lantern Spectacular on Friday night (13th) and Saturday night the 14th, socialize at the campground.

We have reserved campsites and cabins at the KOA Louisville South Holiday Campground 2433 Hwy 44, E Shepherdsville, KY 40165. When making reservations please mention the Cridlin Group to receive a 10% discount off of the nightly rate. 502-543-2041. Reservations are a 3 night minimum, October 12-14, 2023. Camping Reservations must be made by January 1, 2023.

For those that don't camp, there are hotels at the exit of the campground. This way the hotel folks can come visit with the campers for socializing. We did not get blocks, but the pricing is very reasonable for you to shop which hotel you prefer to stay. Hotel reservations can be made at any time.

Garden Inn, 130 S Lakeview Dr, Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Best Western 211 S Lakewood Dr., Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Super 8, 275 Keystone Crossroads Dr., Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Motel 6, 144 Joe B Hall Ave., Shepherdsville, KY 40165

If you have any questions, please contact us, 859-534-5292 (h). A deposit is required when making reservations at the campground. They are only holding the campsites/cabins until Jan 1st. October is the busiest month of the year for this campground, we were lucky to get this many sites.

We hope you have interest in joining us. Please let us know when you have made your reservation so we can keep a list of who is attending. If you are local to the area and won't be camping or hoteling and want to attend the Jack o' Lantern Spectacular please let us know that so you can be added for the group ticket pricing.





# 2024 Kentucky District Events and Rallies

## January 27<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Ops Meeting

### Save the Date!!

Please mark your calendars for January 27, 2024 for the Kentucky Road Riders Operations Meeting in Burlington, KY.

Our special event on Saturday night is.....

*Going to the Prom!*

*Your Prom, from back in the day, the Prom you wish you attended or current day Prom.*

*We will be dancing the night away in style*

*More details to come at a later date (after the Blast).*

*Just another reason KRR is the place to be!*



K-Henderson

*June 1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Ride-In* hosted  
by Chapter K in Henderson, Ky



**JUNE 26th –  
JUNE 29th, 2024**

Hosted at  
**NIEHAUS CYCLES**  
Litchfield, Illinois, 62056

**FREE TRADE SHOW  
ENTRY FOR ALL  
RIDERS**

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL EVENTS  
50/50 • Adventure Rides • Grand Prize Drawing  
Vendor Party Night

**CLICK HERE**  
FOR REGISTRATION & VENDOR INFO



## State Educator Report



**Rick and Kim  
Artmayer**

State Educator

While researching for this month's article, I found a plethora of statistics for the United States regarding motorcycle safety at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov). There are some very interesting tables and charts worth checking out. There is also some good advice on how to stay safe, which I have copied and condensed below.

**Motorist Awareness** Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways. But it's especially important for drivers to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists such as size and visibility, and motorcycle riding practices like downshifting and weaving to know how to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.

**Make Sure You Are Properly Licensed** Driving a car and riding a motorcycle require different skills and knowledge. Although motorcycle-licensing regulations vary, all states require a motorcycle license endorsement to supplement your automobile driver's license. To receive the proper endorsement in most states, you'll need to pass written and on-cycle skills tests administered by your state's licensing agency. Some states require you to take a state-sponsored rider education course. Others waive the on-cycle skills test if you've already taken and passed a state-approved course. Either way, completing a motorcycle rider education course is a good way to ensure you have the correct instruction and experience it takes to ride a motorcycle. Of the motorcycle operators involved in fatal crashes in 2021, 36% were riding without a valid motorcycle license.

**Practice Operating Your Motorcycle** Given the fact that motorcycles vary in handling and responsiveness, be sure to take the time to get accustomed to the feel of a new or unfamiliar motorcycle by riding it in a controlled area. Once you feel comfortable with your bike, you can take it into traffic. Make sure you know how to handle your motorcycle in a variety of conditions (e.g., inclement weather or encountering hazards such as slick roads, potholes, and road debris).

**Before Every Ride** Check your motorcycle's tire pressure and tread depth, hand and foot brakes, headlights and signal indicators, and fluid levels before you ride. You should also check under the motorcycle for signs of oil or gas leaks. If you're carrying cargo, you should secure and balance the load on the cycle; and adjust the suspension and tire pressure to accommodate the extra weight. If you're carrying a passenger, he or she should mount the motorcycle only after the engine has started; should sit as far forward as possible, directly behind you; and should keep both feet on the footrests at all times, even when the motorcycle is stopped. Remind your passenger to keep his or her legs and feet away from the muffler. Tell your passenger to hold on firmly to your waist, hips, or belt; keep movement to a minimum; and lean at the same time and in the same direction as you do. Do not let your passenger dismount the motorcycle until you say it is safe.



## State Educator Report—continued



**Rick and Kim  
Artmayer**

State Educator

**On the Road** If you're ever in a serious motorcycle crash, the best hope you have for protecting your brain is a motorcycle helmet. Always wear a helmet that meets U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Look for the DOT symbol on the outside back of the helmet. Snell and ANSI labels located inside the helmet also show that the helmet meets the standards of those private, non-profit organizations. Arms and legs should be completely covered when riding a motorcycle, ideally by wearing leather or heavy denim. In addition to providing protection in a crash, protective gear also helps prevent dehydration. Boots or shoes should be high enough to cover your ankles, while gloves allow for a better grip and help protect your hands in the event of a crash. Wearing brightly colored clothing with reflective material will make you more visible to other vehicle drivers.

**Ride Responsibly** Experienced riders know local traffic laws - and they don't take risks. Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings; ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles; and always check behind you and signal before you change lanes. Remember to ride defensively. The majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes generally are caused when other drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist. Proceed cautiously at intersections and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles as appropriate. You can increase your visibility by applying reflective materials to your motorcycle and by keeping your motorcycle's headlights on at all times.

**Be Alcohol and Drug Free** Alcohol and drugs, including some prescribed medications, negatively affect your judgment, coordination, balance, throttle control, and ability to shift gears. These substances also impair your alertness and reduce your reaction time. Even when you're fully alert, it's impossible to predict what other vehicles or pedestrians are going to do. Therefore, make sure you are alcohol and drug free when you get on your motorcycle. Otherwise, you'll be heading for trouble.



**I LOVE RENEWING**



**RENEWING'S MY FAVORITE**

**WING'D  
RIDERS**

## WING'D RIDER RENEWAL

**WDRider CHARTER Membership RENEWAL is EASY AS PIE** and NO NEED to log into your account, just go to the website and purchase your renewal. I want to call on all of our charter members to renew their membership asap and also to sponsor one NEW member at the same time. Let's get this done as we continue to build the Wing'd Rider Motorcycle Association to be the very best that it can be! "Also new this year is the option to renew for 2 years at a discounted price."



*Watch Chapter A Derby City Wing Rider's <https://chaptera.org> for weekly dinner, movie, and upcoming weekend rides!!*

## ***Chapter A Monthly Meet!!***



***2nd Saturday of the Month Roosters***  
***10430 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY***  
***40223    11am Meeting begins at Noon.***

*Chapter A met Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. We had visitors from Chapters G and S and Rick and Leah were in da house!! They discussed the upcoming Kentucky Blast in Danville this weekend and announced the January dates for the Kentucky Ops meeting in 2024. Steve Snook brought a sample of a Dunlop Elite 4 tire that he rode on for 18 miles FLAT and shared what a great tire it is. Thanks, Steve, for all the good info and your ride experience with it!!*





**Facebook page: Derby City Wing Riders Louisville Ky and our website: chaptera.org**

**Marble Game Winner:** Steve Snook had the winning ticket for the Marble game but did not choose the winning marble. Thanks for eliminating one more marble for us for next time!!



**50/50 Winners:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner:**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:**



*(Thanks to all who played)*



**Happy Birthday!**

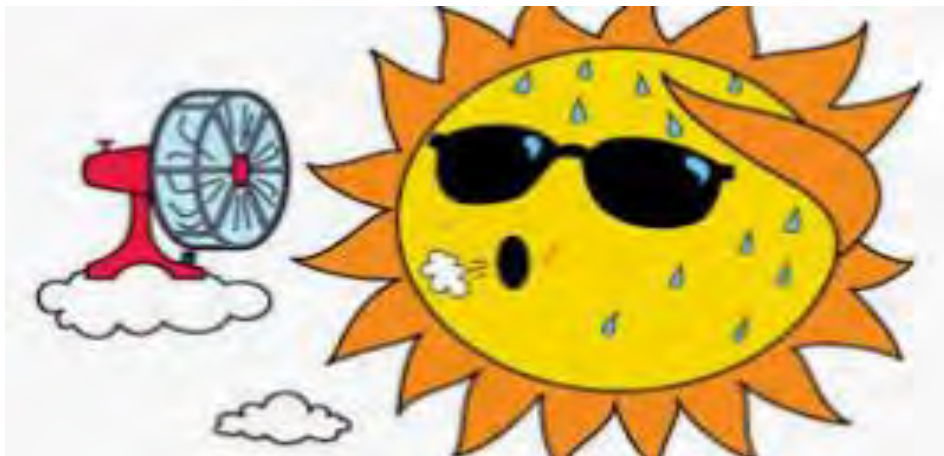


## ***Birthdays:***

<i>Beverly Decker-Blunk</i>	<i>August 4</i>
<i>Debi Baldwin</i>	<i>August 10</i>
<i>Janet Price</i>	<i>August 18</i>
<i>Ray Taylor</i>	<i>September 9</i>
<i>Kent Risen</i>	<i>September 11</i>

***Anniversaries:*** 

***Chapter A's Next Meeting will be  
Saturday October 12th!! September  
Chapter Meeting is cancelled due to  
the September weeklong trip!!!***





**Kent and Karen  
Risen**  
State Couple of the  
Year

## **State Couple of the Year/Couple of the Year Coordinators**

August is here and we can't believe that summer is almost over. We didn't get to ride as much as we wanted but we did have an amazing Alaska land and sea tour that we planned in 2018. With Covid canceling the trip twice in 2020 and 2021 we were finally able to go in 2023!! Alaska was so beautiful, and we had an amazing time! Now we are looking forward to the Kentucky Blast in August in Danville, Ky.

Kent and I have enjoyed being the State Couple of the Year. It has been an honor to work with the State staff and represent our beautiful state of Kentucky but mostly it has been so much fun!! We enjoy traveling to other Chapters and getting to know the Couples and Individuals better. We love seeing everyone out having fun with the Mascots. We are also excited to see the program grow. The only way to make the program grow is through involvement!! So just remember if your Chapter selects you as Individual of the Year or Couple of the Year it is because you like to have fun and you represent your Chapter well. It is an honor to be selected. And even though Kent and I will be giving up our title as State Couple of the Year in August, we look forward to being part of the selection process for a new state couple! And, for the first time EVER we will be selecting a new State Individual of the Year!! We are so excited!

On Friday afternoon at the Kentucky Blast, there will be a "Social Hour". This Social hour is for ALL past and current Couples or Individuals of the Year to attend. The idea is to stay in touch as couples and individuals and to remember that your Chapter selected us because they appreciate



us as leaders. We are involved in our Chapter, and we make it FUN!! The State Couple and State Individual will be announced this year at the Friday night event after dinner at the Blast. Please make it a point to attend and welcome our new couples and new individuals. Also, if there is something you like or don't like about the program, please let us know that is how we grow and make things better for everyone and keep having FUN! We hope to see everyone at the Kentucky Blast in August!!

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Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Solo Stove that will be raffled off at the KY Blast in August at the Showroom in Danville Ky. Tickets will also be available at the Blast this month if you've missed out. Chances are \$2 and the money raised will go to support the Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year program.



## **Chapter A 2023 Couple of the Year** **Dean and Lora Miller**

Well, July has come to an end and August is well on its way. Work and the weather have gotten in the way since the Rally in Litchfield, so Lora and I have not been able to get out on as many spontaneous rides on the trike as much as we'd have liked to. That's about to change in the next week with a few planned events coming up and we are super excited.

The KRR Blast is just around the corner, and we are ready to don our Western attire and have a roping good time! Looking forward to seeing folks from all the other chapters!

After we recover from the ribeye and line dancing, we'll be off on another adventure, Chapter A's yearly week-long trip. This year's destination is the Back of The Dragon and then down thru Ashville, Chattanooga, and Nashville (where Lora and I plan on stopping in at Antique Archaeology, a.k.a. American Pickers) before heading home to Louisville. We are looking forward to seeing all the side events Don has planned in the itinerary.

Not long after recovering from that trip, we will be returning to Nashville again for an overnight trip with Chapter K for some riverboat fun! These three events will surely make up for any missed riding opportunities in July. It's hard to believe it's been a year already, but we just want to add a reminder here for everyone to renew your Wing'd Rider memberships and if possible, get a friend to join as well!

And last but not least, we're not sure if everyone knows but Lora and I will be participating in the process to become State Couple of The Year. We are excited to have a chance to represent Kentucky Road Riders in this fashion. We have had so much fun representing Chapter A as your Couple of The Year so far and enjoyed trying to capture Oliver and then traveling around with him taking pictures and explaining what it was all about to all the wonderful people we met along the way. Hopefully, we can look forward to your support at the Blast!





## **Chapter A's Individual of the Year:** **Miles Finley Justice**

Giddy up, Chapter A! It's time for the Big Round-Up in Danville – aka the 2023 Blast. I hope everyone has registered and plans to attend this shindig. Based on the schedule posted on the Kentucky Road Riders website and Facebook page, it looks like there will be a lot of fun and something for everyone. Our own Don Price, State and Chapter A Ride Coordinator, has put together several self-guided rides for those who want to experience riding in the Danville area. Educational opportunities will be provided by RPM Academy instructors. Janet Price has taken the lead in creating Western-themed games for everyone's enjoyment. And, of course, the ever-popular Wingo will be played Thursday, Friday, and Saturday! The highlight of the event will be Friday evening's catered dinner, including line dancing and a campfire sing-along. Day passes can be purchased at the door, so if you did not register but find yourself with time to attend, come on over. Hope to see everyone next weekend in Danville – let's represent for Chapter A!

We can't wait to see you at  
the next gathering!

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[www.kyroadriders.org](http://www.kyroadriders.org)

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# Virginia Wing'd Rider Rally In The Valley 2023



**Wear the colors or jersey of  
your Favorite Sports Team!**

**Get Ready for the  
Chapter Cheer Competition**

- ♦ Fun & Games
- ♦ Ice-Cream Social
- ♦ ARC / TRC
- ♦ On-Bike Courses\*
- ♦ MFA/CPR Course \*
- ♦ Master's Lunch \*
- ♦ Saturday Banquet \*
- ♦ Vendors
- ♦ Hospitality Room
- ♦ Trivia & WINGO!!
- ♦ Guided Rides
- ♦ Self-Guided Rides
- ♦ Daily 50 / 50
- ♦ Modules & Seminars

**\* Additional charges  
apply. MUST be pre-  
registered and pre-  
paid.**

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**October 5—7, 2023**

**Holiday Inn—Tanglewood**

**4468 Starkey Road Roanoke, VA 24018**

**Join WRVA as we return to  
Roanoke to celebrate our  
"Rookie Season" on the  
Wing'd Rider Team!**

**Reserve Hotel Rooms by June 1, 2023.** After that date, reservations will be taken on a space available basis. Price is \$119.00 per night. This price **INCLUDES** breakfast.

<http://www.holidayinn.com/roa-tanglewood>

Call hotel reservations at **540.774.4400** and ask for the special "VA District Wing'd Riders" rate.

#### Hotel Incidental Policy:

A major credit / debit card is required for all incidentals. This will be asked for at check-in and it will be authorized for \$15.00 per day. If incidentals are charged to the room in any amount over the initial authorization of \$15.00 the system will automatically re-authorize for more money to cover the charge. If the guest is using a credit card the authorization hold could remain on the guest's account up to 3-5 business days after check-out. If the guest is using a debit card the authorization hold could remain on the guest's account up to 5-10 business days after check-out. The Hotel is not responsible for any overdraft fees the authorization hold(s) may cause.

**ARC (Advanced Rider Course) and TRC (Trike Rider Course)**

**(Must be pre-registered & pre-paid)**

Classroom portion will be **THURSDAY, October 5 at 12:00—4:00.**

Range portion will be **FRIDAY, October 6 at 8:00-12:00.**

Cost for either course is **\$50** (Co-Riders are free). Full riding gear, **CURRENT** Motorcycle license, proof of Insurance & Registration are required to take either class. **(\$40 for WR members)**

**CPR/MFA Class (Must be pre-registered & pre-paid)**

The CPR/Medic First-Aid class will be on **Saturday, October 7 at 8:30-12:30.** The cost is **\$35** per person. **(\$28 for WR members)**

**MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) PER ARC / TRC / MFA CLASS**

**NO REFUNDS UNLESS CLASS IS CANCELED BY INSTRUCTOR**

**Master's Lunch (Must be pre-registered & pre-paid)** by August

30, 2023. Be recognized for your achievements at the Master's Lunch on Friday, **October 6 at 1:30—3:00.** The cost is **\$20** per person. There will be a guest speaker, gifts and door prizes.

**Sit-Down Banquet Dinner (Must be pre-registered & pre-paid)** by August 30, 2023

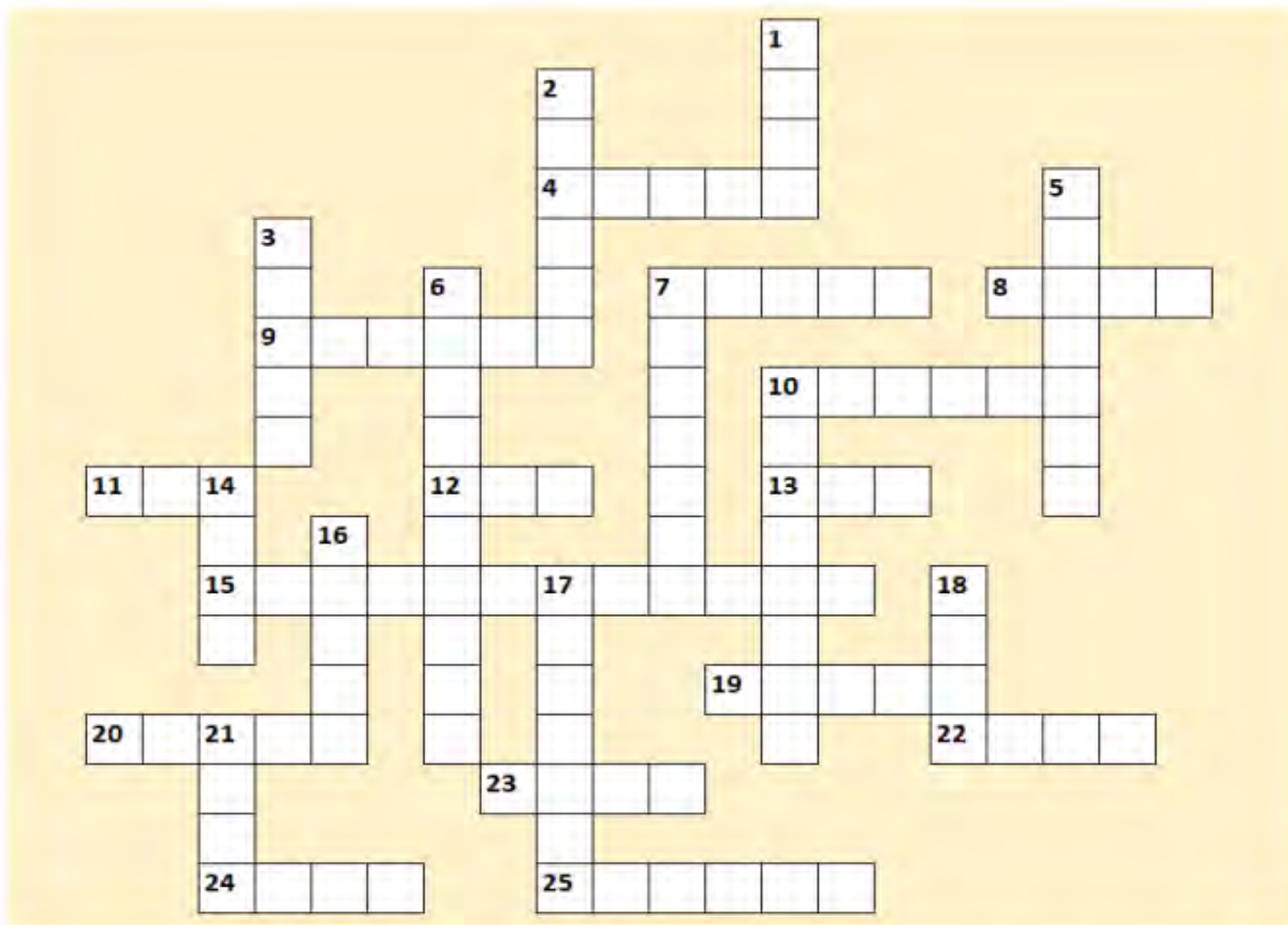
**Saturday, October 7 at 5:45—7:00.** The cost of the dinner is **\$25** per person.

**Courteous, Confidence & Connection Friends**



# 2023 Kentucky Crossword Challenge Puzzle

## 2023 Kentucky Crossroads



It's back! The 2023 Kentucky Crossroads is up and riding! This year will be a real challenge, but the scenery will be worth the effort. I have checked the coordinates, but if you see something that doesn't look quite right, please let me know.

BE SAFE! GET RIDING!! HAVE FUN!!!

**Two missing signs so: 4 Across is River and 10 Across is Eagles**

ACROSS	ACROSS	DOWN	DOWN
<b>4</b> 37° 48.92' N, 82° 47.546' W Line 7 4th Word	<b>13</b> 37° 54.974' N, 85° 19.049' W Line 8 4th Word (Back)	<b>1</b> 38° 13.365' N, 84° 33.981' W Line 7 2nd Word	<b>14</b> 36° 36.499' N, 83° 42.871' W Line 5 1st Word
<b>7</b> 37° 56.373' N, 83° 59.852' W Line 9 4th Word	<b>15</b> 36° 50.405' N, 84° 20.374' W Line 2 2nd Word	<b>2</b> 37° 45.649' N, 85° 12.869' W Line 3 5th Word (Front)	<b>16</b> 36° 59.34' N, 85° 38.965' W Line 9 4th Word
<b>8</b> 36° 45.088' N, 86° 11.379' W Line 8 2nd Word	<b>19</b> 36° 36.412' N, 83° 42.103' W Line 4 3rd Word (Back)	<b>3</b> 37° 0.694' N, 86° 27.59' W Line 6 3rd Word	<b>17</b> 36° 44.58906' N, 84° 9.58302' W Line 6 4th Word
<b>9</b> 37° 6.187' N, 85° 18.388' W Line 3 3rd Word	<b>20</b> 37° 0.277' N, 85° 43.937' W Line 5 2nd Word	<b>5</b> 37° 5.953' N, 85° 18.457' W Line 7 4th Word	<b>18</b> 38° 36.957' N, 84° 54.384' W Line 8 6th Word
<b>10</b> 36° 43.848' N, 84° 9.882' W Line 2 4th Word (Back)	<b>22</b> 37° 48.036' N, 82° 48.131' W Line 5 2nd Word	<b>6</b> 36° 50.296' N, 84° 20.634' W Line 9 3rd Word	<b>21</b> 38° 11.627' N, 84° 51.968' W Line 1 1st Word
<b>11</b> 36° 58.542' N, 84° 35.869' W Line 4 3rd Word	<b>23</b> 37° 0.62' N, 86° 23.791' W Line 5 4th Word	<b>7</b> 37° 35.268' N, 85° 39.752' W Line 2 1st Word	
<b>12</b> 37° 3.344' N, 84° 44.357' W Line 1 4th Word (Back)	<b>24</b> 38° 23.817' N, 84° 51' W Line 6 2nd Word (Front)	<b>10</b> 36° 45.677' N, 83° 41.738' W Line 8 1st Word	
	<b>25</b> 36° 43.33344' N, 84° 11.5554' W Line 4 3rd Word		

### Instructions

- ☐ Follow the coordinates to the destination.
- ☐ Locate the correct highway marker.
- ☐ Take a picture of your "thumbs up" in front of the sign.
- ☐ Use the text on the sign to locate the word for the puzzle.  
(please note that some signs have a front and back)
- ☐ Repeat the above until your puzzle is finished.





**Guess the Celebrity Biker???? Pink was the celebrity biker for July. Here is the Celebrity Biker for August, any guesses???**



## **GET THE SHIRT!!**

Kentucky Road Riders now have a ride shirt! You can have it monogrammed on the right side of the chest with whatever you would like. Small to extra-large are \$14, and XXL are \$17. An added monogram will cost \$5. Shirts can be ordered at: <https://blankstore.club/shop/ols/products/xn--gildan---dryblend-50-cotton50-poly-short-or-long-sleeve-t-shirt-vpcl> You can also get it in a long-sleeve version.



# 38th Annual Southern Illinois Ride In

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23 2023

Hosted by Southern Illinois Wingers Q, Carbondale

Sponsored by Illinois WING'D RIDERS

ALL MAKES AND MODELS OF MOTORCYCLES WELCOME!

## DuQuoin State Fairgrounds

DuQuoin is about 30 miles south of I-64, on U.S. Rt. 51 in Southern IL. You can exit from I-57 at Benton and go West on Rt. 14 about 15 miles. The Fairgrounds are visible from Rt. 14 and also from U.S. Rt. 51. The Ride In takes place in the north-east corner inside the fairgrounds, north of the grandstand and next to equestrian arena.

### Local HOTEL in DuQuoin:

Super 8 (618) 542-4335

Mention that you are

attending the

Southern Illinois Ride In

### Local HOTEL in Murphysboro:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

(618) 684-2110

25 minutes from fairgrounds

Tent and RV Camping on site

(at additional cost)

Free Friday Night Supper!

**\$100 Cash Drawings**  
(Need not be present to win)

Bike Games...People Games...Scenic Guided Rides

Carlene Kohlenberger or Paula McNeill

Southern Illinois Ride In Coordinators

(618) 303-1366

(618) 534-9429

[tourontwo@gmail.com](mailto:tourontwo@gmail.com) [paulamcneill61@yahoo.com](mailto:paulamcneill61@yahoo.com)

Additional information and Registration Forms at

<https://chapterq.weebly.com/>

Registration Form – Please print clearly

Rider: _____	State: _____	Rider/Co-Rider: _____	State: _____
Email address: _____		Email address: _____	
Street address: _____		Street address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____	City: _____	State: _____
Zip: _____		Zip: _____	
Phone: _____		Phone: _____	

### **Liability Release** (All registrants must sign)

We agree to hold harmless Illinois WING'D RIDERS, the sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss, injury to self/property by any reason by participating in this event.

Rider signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider/Co-Rider signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL Pre-registration forms must be received by: September 15, 2023.

Non-WING'D RIDER Member Registration \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WING'D RIDER Member Registration \$ 8.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 Cash Drawing (6) for \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(20) for \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash **Note: Walk-in one day pass will be \$10.00**

Make checks payable to: Southern Illinois Ride In

Mail registration with check or money order to:

Southern Illinois Ride In, c/o Reid Hansen, 238 Elstrom Drive, Carbondale, IL 62903



# Get on the Level

## Level System

Basically there are four levels:

1. Safety by Commitment
2. Safety by Education
3. Safety by Preparedness
4. Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

Rider Education Levels Program

"THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF RIDER EDUCATION"

### Level 1: Safety By Commitment

Rider and Co-Rider requirements:

- The expressed commitment of the Rider or Co-Rider to strive for and practice safe riding.

### Level 2: Safety By Education

Rider requirements:

- Have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have a current motorcycle license.
- Have completed an approved on-bike Rider course within the past three years.

Co-Rider requirements:

- Have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years.

### Level 3: Safety By Preparedness

Rider requirements:

- Completed a formal approved on-bike Rider Course within the past three years.
- Maintain current First Aid, CPR or MEDIC First Aid certifications.
- Carry a First Aid kit on the motorcycle.

Co-Rider requirements:

- Completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years (a sanctioned PLP is not allowed to be used for this Level).
- Maintain current First Aid or CPR or MEDIC First Aid certifications.

### Level 4: Safety By Commitment and Preparedness

Rider requirements:

- Have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid **and** CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding.
  - *Proper riding apparel, a.k.a.: proper riding "gear" will include, at a minimum, a DOT (FMVSS 218)/Snell (M2010) / ECE 22.05 approved helmet (approved standard applicable to the local area), eye protection, long sleeved jacket/shirt (no "riding pull on/off sleeves"), long legged sturdy pants, full fingered gloves and over the ankle footwear. Some have coined the acronym ATGATT standing for All the Gear, All the Time.*

Co-Rider requirements:

- Have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid **and** CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding (see definition in the Rider section above).

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## Area Chapter Meetings in the Bluegrass State:

### Chapter A



Louisville KY  
40223

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month @ Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Rd.

11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon.

[www.chaptera.org](http://www.chaptera.org)

### Chapter C



Lexington KY  
40509

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month @ Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd.

11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon.

[www.kybluegrasswings.org](http://www.kybluegrasswings.org)

### Chapter G



Florence KY  
41042

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ American Legion Post 4, 8385 US

Hwy42. 6:00pm Dinner. Meeting begins 7:00pm.

[www.chapterg.org](http://www.chapterg.org)

### Chapter K



Henderson KY  
42420

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month @ Golden Corral 1320 N Green St

Lunch at Noon. Meeting begins 1:00pm. **CENTRAL TIME**

### Chapter S



Elizabethtown KY  
42701

Varies between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of the month @ Shoney's,  
1046 Executive Dr. 4:00pm Dinner. Meeting begins 5:00pm.

### Chapter T



Paintsville KY  
41240

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month Giovanni's pizza 261 Court St

Eat at 5pm. Meeting begins 6:00pm.

### Chapter Y



Mayfield KY  
42066

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month @ Majestic Family Restaurant,

700 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. 6:00pm dinner. Meeting begins 7:00pm

**CENTRAL TIME**

# Traveling Plaque

**Chapter K has the Traveling Plaque** and will bring it to the Kentucky Blast where the winning Chapter that has captured the Plaque the most will be announced, and a new drawing will be held to so see what Chapter will start the new Traveling Plaque Competition!!



**Check out our Webpage: [chaptera.org](http://chaptera.org)**

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