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Director's Track



Based on our riding destinations, there are several things that you should consider and prepare for.

The following is an article published in the 1st quarter of the Wing'd Rider Magazine which all of us should read and adhere to.

This article was submitted by Susan Huttman and Lorrie Thomas. If you are like me, I often glance over articles and do not read them thoroughly. This is one that I suggest that you read thoroughly.

Taking a Motorcycle Destination Trip?

By Susan Huttman & Lorrie Thomas

Traveling by motorcycle can be an exhilarating experience, especially if

you are riding to a new destination for the first time. The freedom of the open road, and the feeling of adventure are all part of what makes motorcycle travel so special. However, it is important to be prepared before you set off on your journey:

1. Consider the Motorcycle You Have Parked in the Garage

The first step is to determine if the one you ride is the right motorcycle for your trip. Keep in mind the type of terrain you will be riding on, the distance you will be traveling, and your own riding experience.

2. Plan Your Route

Now it is time to start planning your route. Take time to map out your journey and identify any potential hazards along the way. Be sure to factor in rest stops, gas stations, and other amenities. Have a backup plan in case of severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

3. Pack the Right Gear

In addition to your motorcycle, you will also need to pack the right gear for your trip. While this includes a helmet, gloves, jacket, pants, and boots. Be sure to choose gear that is comfortable and provides adequate protection. Remember a first-aid kit, bike tools and a current map. Extra pair of eyeglasses, your phone and charger, wet wipes, hand sanitizer and your medications.

4. Be Prepared for Anything

No matter how well you plan, there is always the possibility of something unexpected happening. Be prepared for anything. Share your plans and itinerary with someone not traveling with you. In an emergency this information can be invaluable.

5. Enjoy the Ride!

Most importantly, remember to enjoy the ride! Traveling by motorcycle is a terrific way to see the country and experience new things. So relax, take your time, and savor the journey.

Here are additional tips that may be helpful for first-time long distance motorcycle travelers:

- Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to the road conditions.**
 - Obey all traffic laws and speed limits.**
 - Use hand signals to communicate with other drivers.**
 - Be predictable and avoid making sudden movements.**
 - Take breaks often to rest and stretch. Drink plenty of fluid to stay hydrated.**
 - Avoid riding at night or in harsh weather conditions.**
- With planning and preparation, you can have a safe and enjoyable ride. So go explore the open road!**

**Please be safe and enjoy the ride. See you on the road.
Ray & Angela Taylor**



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State Directors

An Excerpt from the State Director's Report this month:

This leads me to a couple of exchanges I recently saw on the Wing'D Rider Facebook page between two members and John Lazzeroni. The first was a lady asking him to do more with advertising and recruiting, and the second was a gentleman complaining about the magazine going from monthly to bi-monthly, and now quarterly. John's responses were the same to both in that it takes membership and money to provide those items. He shared with everyone in attendance at the Wing'D Rally that the magazine was going to bi-monthly because the cost to print and ship couldn't be sustained with the current membership level. He added that it would return to monthly as soon as the organization could afford it. The move to quarterly tells me that we aren't moving forward with our numbers. We all, including me, were so spoiled with everything we had under GWRRA that we took it for granted and never had to think about the business end. Leah and I, along with our fellow officers, had a good understanding of what it took to plan and host activities, but we didn't have to face the full impact until GWRRA folded, and we had to start fresh. We already knew that every event we held had to pay for itself, because we are a not-for-profit organization and have no income, and that everyone who attended did so with the expectation of having a good time. We feel we have done that, but it hasn't happened without a lot of creative thinking, and the support of our staff, and most importantly the membership attending. We had a good base to start with since every chapter joined us when we converted. The same cannot be said for Wing'D Rider, as everything had to be started and developed from the ground up, and that takes money, which comes from membership dues. Our dues are less than they were with GWRRA, but yet we are still hearing complaints about having to pay to be a member of the organization.

At the State level, we need umbrella coverage from the national organization when it comes to insurance and the IRS. When we host an event at a public place, the venue expects us to support ourselves. The only way around that is to host an event at a place that is open to the public during their normal business hours. How much fun would that be? We also have a huge Catch-22 dilemma when it comes to getting vendors and members to attend. The first question we are asked by a vendor when trying to get them to come to our event is, How many people were there last year? They have all been in business for a long time and know how many people it takes to cover their travel and lodging expenses, and we haven't had the attendance to support the larger vendors. Then our members ask, Who are the vendors? Many say they aren't coming because of the lack of vendors. So, we can't get vendors without members, and many members won't attend without vendors. See the problem? We offer a lot to do to make up for the lack of vendors and if we can get our membership up, we'll be able to attract the vendors, but it has to start with us.

The same holds true with Wing'D Rider as an organization. If we want it to continue, and those of us who know how important it is to have national coverage is, really do want it to continue, we have got to support it. I'm so proud of what Kentucky has done throughout the conversion and I truly believe that we are the Flagship State in the organization, but we too need members to survive. We need our current members to renew, and we need to bring in new members to replace those who have left, as well as to increase overall membership.

In closing I want to thank each and every one of you who continue to support us, whether it be as an officer, coordinator, or member. You are all so very special to us and we are so grateful for all you do.



Hosted by Chapter K, Henderson Wings
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MAY 31-JUNE 1, 2024
KRR RIDE IN



Ride Coordinator

Kent Risen

Kentucky is home to a significant Amish population with more than fifty communities across the state. In regions where Amish communities thrive, sharing the road with traditional horse-drawn buggies is a common occurrence. For motorcyclists, encountering these slow-moving vehicles presents unique challenges and requires a heightened level of awareness to ensure safety for all road users. Whether you're a seasoned rider or a novice, understanding how to safely navigate the road alongside Amish buggies is essential for a smooth and secure journey. Here are some tips for riding your motorcycle near Amish buggies:

Amish buggies typically travel at a much slower pace than motor vehicles, often averaging around 5 to 10 miles per hour. When approaching a buggy from behind, be patient and maintain a safe distance until it is safe to pass. Avoid tailgating or revving your engine, as this may startle the horses and create unnecessary hazards.

When passing an Amish buggy, exercise caution and ensure you have ample visibility and space to overtake safely. Signal your intentions early, check for oncoming traffic, and wait for a clear stretch of road with good visibility. Pass the buggy at a moderate speed, leaving plenty of room between your motorcycle and the horse-drawn carriage. Be mindful of the buggy's wide turning radius and avoid cutting in front of it too closely.

Amish buggy drivers often use hand signals to communicate their intentions on the road. Pay attention to signals such as waving to indicate a thank you or extending a hand downward to signal a slowing or stopping maneuver. Familiarizing yourself with these hand signals can help facilitate smoother interactions between motorcyclists and buggy drivers.

Be vigilant for potential hazards associated with sharing the road with horse-drawn buggies, such as loose reins, unpredictable horse behavior, or debris kicked up by the carriage wheels. Maintain a safe following distance and scan the road ahead for any obstacles or road conditions that may require evasive action.

When riding near Amish buggies, adjust your speed accordingly to match the pace of the slower-moving traffic. Exercise caution when navigating curves, intersections, or narrow roads, as visibility may be limited, and maneuvering space may be restricted. Avoid sudden accelerations or abrupt maneuvers that could startle the horses or pose a risk to other road users.

Above all, approach encounters with Amish buggies with patience, courtesy, and respect. These vehicles represent a way of life deeply rooted in tradition and culture, and their presence on the road is a reflection of the diversity of our communities. Extend common courtesies such as yielding the right of way when appropriate and refraining from excessive noise or aggressive behavior.



Membership Enhancement

Dean Miller/Miles Justice

Riding season is just getting underway in earnest with lots of good riding ahead. However, the big Chapter A annual trip in September will be here

before you know it. In preparing for that, we wanted to suggest a few items everyone might want to consider before the summer gets away from us. It is a good idea to contact the following to verify coverage in Canada: motorcycle insurer; health/medical insurer (as some providers do cover for Canadian travel); and cell phone provider. Additionally, everyone needs to confirm that their trailers are registered (if towing one), and that they have current motorcycle registration and proof of insurance on their bikes. It might also be advisable to contact your bank or credit card provider to notify them that you will be traveling out of the country and determine if there are any specific actions you need to take in order to utilize those. Also, be certain to have any prescription medications in order, probably in original containers with your identifying information. Finally, if you do not already have one, you need to apply for a U.S. Passport as soon as possible to avoid any delays that might prevent you from leaving the country. This is certainly not an exhaustive list of all the considerations for the big trip but will hopefully get you started thinking about items to verify.

We very much welcome and appreciate any input regarding challenges or other activities you would like to see us implement. Our purpose is to facilitate all of you-the members-having fun and enjoying your time with Chapter A.

The 2024 Scavenger Hunt List was published in the last newsletter and hardcopies were distributed at the March meeting. If anyone needs to review this again, it will be posted on the private Facebook page shortly. You can also text or email Dean or Miles to get another copy. Thanks, and enjoy!

Membership Enhancement(cont)

May's Copycat Challenge Picture:

May Copycat Challenge Pic



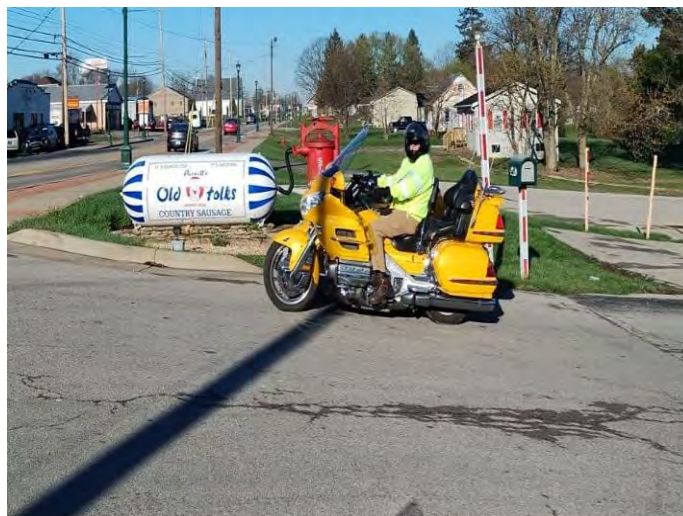
Flock of Finns

28 Colorful Steel Bird Sculptures based on the small wooden sculptures
by late local artist Marvin Finn
222 E Witherspoon Street, Louisville 40202

Once again, Donita and Ron have created a unique state-wide challenge for the Kentucky Road Riders. The 4th Annual Crossroads Crossword was published in the April 2024 KRR Newsletter and looks like it will be a lot of fun taking us to some very unique sites. As a bonus, at least 2 of the puzzle clues are in the Louisville area and near (or actual) copycat challenge locations. Be sure to check the coordinates to see if you can hit one of those while participating in the May challenge for instance. 🐱

April's Copycat Challenge Winner:

World's Largest Sausage! Congrats to Ray Taylor for winning the \$10 Rooster's gift card this month!!





Chapter Visits:



March 16th visit to Chapter C in Lexington, KY

Lots of fun stuff happening at Chapter C this past month, the mascots were there, Kent and Debi won some cash and the best part of all? Chapter C baked us a cake Ya'll! Well maybe not just us but they sure know how to make us feel welcome!!



April 14th Visit to Chapter S in Elizabethtown, KY

It was a beautiful, warm day to head South and visit our friends in Etown for their Sunday night meeting.



Thanks for the
great pictures,
Tony!!



2024 Past Rides and Events:

March 24th Lunch Ride to Glencoe General Store

This one started off chilly and at our gas stop people decided to just eat at Welch's Riverside Café nearby. Some of us continued the ride Kent had planned after lunch where it had warmed up some. It ended up being a beautiful ride. Thanks, Kent, for planning it all out.





Mike and Dedre VanHoose

Kentucky State MEC

State MEC Report

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.



Editor's desk Karen Risen

Thanks for the articles this month and special shout out to Tony, my paparazzi back up!! Our Newsletter could not be possible without YOU!

2024 Chapter A Rides & Event Schedule:



Saturday May 18th Claudia Sanders

Lunch/Dinner Ride We will have a scenic ride and then meet members of Chapter G for lunch/dinner at Claudia Sanders in Shelbyville, Ky



Friday May 24th-Sunday May 26th (Memorial Day Weekend) Meeting up with Chapter C to join their Windy 9 ride. More details coming soon.

Saturday June 21st Cumberland Falls Overnight to see the Moonbow?



Saturday July 6th-8th Red River Gorge Overnight

Saturday July 20th visit Rabbit Hash Ky and ride the Rising Star Ferry. Meet up with Chapter S?





Friday July 26th-Sunday 29th **(Overnight Ride) to Mansfield, Ohio**

We will join Chapter G for their ride to Mansfield, Ohio and then tour the Mansfield Reformatory featured in the movie, The Shawshank Redemption on Saturday July 28th and ride home Sunday. Details coming soon!



Saturday August 3rd Hofbrau House lunch and ride the Anderson Ferry. Meet up with S?



August 24th Lunch Ride to General Butler State Park We will have a scenic ride ending up at General Butler State Park where will join Chapter G for lunch at Two Rivers Restaurant. Details coming soon.

September 2024 Annual Trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada

This will be an epic trip. We have lots of great overnights in Michigan before we cross the border into Canada and end up at Niagara Falls on the Canadian side. See Kent Risen or Don Price for details.



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 State Events:



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State
Directors

2024 Ky State Events:



May 31st-June 1st Kentucky Ride-In
hosted by Chapter K in Henderson, KY

The venue is Hummingbird Hall, 1040 Market St, Henderson KY 42420. A block of rooms has been held at the Holiday Inn Express in Henderson, KY (270) 869-0533. The room rate is 129.99+tax and you must mention that you are with Kentucky Road Riders to receive the discounted rate. Rooms are limited and the deadline for reservations with this special rate is April 30, 2024. There is also camping available at the John James Audubon State Park through Reserve America.

Registration form & more info please visit: kyroadriders.org

June 25-30th 2024 Wing'D Rider Rally: Info & Registration @ wingdrider.com

WING'D RIDER

RALLY #2

LITCHFIELD, IL

Niehaus CYCLE1971

* TRADE SHOW DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 6/26
All events and locations subject to change/cancellation

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Pre-Registered Rally Packet Pickup***
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Official Merchandise Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Food Court**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Adventure Ride Information Booth***
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Rally Games Registration Booth***
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- 7:00am - 8:00am **Opening Ceremonies**
Litchfield Community Center
- 9:00am - 2:30pm **Great River Road Adventure Ride (Staging at 8:30am)**
Leaving Wingd Rider Pavilion
- 9:00am - 2:30pm **Old Route 66 Adventure Ride (Staging at 8:30am)**
Leaving Wingd Rider Pavilion
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Pre-Registered Rally Packet Pickup***
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Official Merchandise Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Food Court**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Adventure Ride Document Signing Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Recruiting and Info Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Rally Trade Show Expo!**
Vendor Lot @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:30am - 12:00pm **Rally Games Bean Bag Toss**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 6:30pm - 9:00pm **Downtown StreetParty Rally Kickoff**
Exact Downtown Litchfield Location TBA

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- 9:00am - 2:30pm **Great River Road Adventure Ride (Staging at 8:30am)**
Leaving Wingd Rider Pavilion
- 9:00am - 2:30pm **Old Route 66 Adventure Ride (Staging at 8:30am)**
Leaving Wingd Rider Pavilion
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Pre-Registered Rally Packet Pickup***
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Official Merchandise Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Food Court**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Recruiting and Info Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Rally Trade Show Expo!**
Vendor Lot @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:30am - 12:00pm **Rally Games Bean Bag Toss**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 5:00pm - 8:30pm **JMCorp DinnerParty/Charity/Entertainment Event**
Litchfield Community Center

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Pre-Registered Rally Packet Pickup***
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Official Merchandise Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Food Court**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Recruiting and Info Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:30am - 12:00pm **Rally Games FINALS***
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 5:00pm **Wingd Rider Rally Trade Show Expo!**
Vendor Lot @ Niehaus Cycles
- 5:00pm - 8:00pm **Parade Staging**
TBD @ Niehaus cycles
- 6:00pm - 8:45pm **Parade**
Route TBD
- 7:00pm - 8:00pm **Bike Night - Bike and Light Show - Live Entertainment**
Litchfield Community Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- 9:00am - 1:00pm **Wingd Rider Official Merchandise Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 1:00pm **Food Court**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 1:00pm **Wingd Rider Recruiting and Info Booth**
Wingd Rider Pavilion @ Niehaus Cycles
- 9:00am - 1:00pm **Trade Show**
Vendor Lot @ Niehaus Cycles
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm **Closing Ceremonies (Rally Armband Needed)**
Litchfield Community Center

* Ticket/WRMembership Card Needed

August 15-17 Kentucky Blast State Rally



The 2024 Blast will return to the Danville showroom and the theme is: 70's Hippie Bash-Peace, Love, and Motorcycles. A block of hotel rooms are available at the Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express in Danville, KY. The room rate is \$129.00+tax. Be sure and mention you are with the Wing'D Riders, KY Blast to get the special rate.

For the registration form and more information, please visit: kyroadriders.org

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

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
www.kyroadriders.org



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**
State Educator

State Educator's Report
Co-Rider Knowledge Quiz:

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

Chapter A Monthly Meet!!

2nd Saturday of the Month Roosters

10430 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY

40223 Eat at 11am Meet at Noon.



Facebook page: [Derby City Road Riders Louisville Ky](#) and our website: chaptera.org



Chapter A April Meeting Summary

Chapter A met Saturday April 13th. We had lots of visitors from Chapters C, G, S, and K. As a matter of fact, it looked more like a State event than just a Chapter meeting. Thanks to ALL who came to see us! We also had new posters in the window at Rooster's to let people know what we are doing in that back room just in case potential new members may want to join us! Shout out to Dean Miller for the great job on the posters for the window and the welcome packets and flyers to hopefully recruit some new Peeps!!



The Mascots were also available and Chapter G took home the plaque in it's new beautiful handmade KRR bag. Thanks Leah Cridlin and Congrats to THE G!!

What a great meeting Ya'll!!



Marble Game Winner
Miles had the winning ticket but did not draw the winning marble. Better luck next time Miles! \$207 up for grabs next month. Come lose your marbles with us and win \$\$\$!

50/50 Winners:

1st Place Winner:

\$35 Debi Baldwin



2nd Place Winner

\$30 Chanel Blue



(Thanks to all who played)

Birthdays:

Connie Falone April 15th

Cindy Simpkins May 25th



Anniversaries:

Chapter A's Next Meeting will be Saturday May 11th

The After Party:



**Training and Education
Courses available at RPM
Academy. Click the [link](#) to
see what they offer!**



**Kent and Karen
Risen**
State COY Coordinators

State Couple of the Year/Individual of the Year Coordinators

Happy Spring Ya'll!! April is finally here with lots of beautiful blooming trees and flowers. We've already been able to take several great rides with Chapter A and even a few rides on our own. We are looking forward to the Kentucky Ride-In coming up in May, hosted by Chapter K and taking place in Henderson, Ky. Kent and I plan to arrive Thursday afternoon and will have to return home Saturday morning since it's the first of the month and Kent will have to work that day. It sounds like it will be lots of fun with great riding, great friends, and even a pancake breakfast.

Also, for all the Couples and Individuals of the Year don't forget if you want to go through the selection process for a chance to serve as the State Couple or State Individual of the Year the completed resumes are due at the Kentucky Ride-In. If you can't attend the Ride-In, then you can give Kent or I your completed resume before the Ride-In. The selection process for State Couple and Individual will take place at the Kentucky Blast in August. If you have any questions about the positions

or the resumes, please reach out to us, we are happy to explain or answer any questions about what it does or doesn't entail. Hope to see everyone at the Ride-In!



**Dean and Lora
Miller**
State COY

State Couple of the Year: Dean and Lora Miller

COY/IOY 2024 Raffle

The Couple of the Year/Individual of the Year raffle item has been selected. Did you know that the proceeds from this raffle are needed to support the COY/IOY program? We ask that everyone please help keep this fun activity going by purchasing a raffle ticket or two or three from your chapter's COY/IOY.



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.



[Click here to order the shirt!](#)



State Individual of the Year: Miles Finley Justice

Now that we are into April, it seems that riding season has truly arrived at last. It has been a long winter with snow, rain and way too many cold temperatures. But hopefully that is all behind us now and we can finally enjoy riding consistently. Unfortunately, new life developments will likely prevent me from riding with Chapter A as much as I ordinarily would as I will be traveling a bit more than usual. Nonetheless, I will definitely ride as often as I can, both with the group and solo, and am especially looking forward to our big Canada trip in September. Just know that even if I am not physically on the road with you all, I am still there in spirit. Here's wishing everyone a safe and super fun riding season!

Chapter A's Couple of the Year 2024: Tony Johnson and Debi Baldwin





Chapter A's Individual of the Year 2024: Chanel Blue

Well, this month has been a bit of a buzzkill for our motorcycle adventures thanks to the weather playing hard to get with the warmth. Zeke and I have practically had to pencil in our riding time between raindrops. We did manage to squeeze in a ride with the Chapter

A gang to Welch's Riverside restaurant in Carrollton, Kentucky. Zeke, ever the drama queen, decided it was too cold and insisted I take the wheel. The view was great, and as always, the Chapter A crew brought the laughs. Our attempt to hit the beach in Virginia was a washout, literally, thanks to the rain. Then there was our visit to chapter K in Henderson, Kentucky, where Zeke and I were anticipating alternative "individual of the year" bonding time. Turns out, we were the only ones there, so Zeke settled for hanging out with me. On the bright side, we took a detour to Santa Claus, Indiana, on the way home, which brought us some much-needed sunshine, even if it was a bit nippy.





In other news, my daughter has joined the two-wheel club after passing her motorcycle course. We had a special mother-daughter ride during the eclipse, which was unforgettable. Bonding over arts and crafts is one thing, but hitting the road on motorcycles together? That's a whole new level of awesome, even if she did keep me out late and my hands froze.

Here's hoping the weather gods cut us some slack soon so we can hit the road

without needing a full rain suit. Like they say in Wild Hogs, "I just wanna ride, man."

INTRODUCING--The 2024 Blast Shirt



That's one totally GROOVY shirt man! Can't wait to get mine. How about you??

1st Annual Northern Illinois Ride In



May 16 – 18, 2024

Hosted by State of IL Wing'd Riders
and Freeport Honda / Kawasaki



(ALL MAKES AND MODELS OF MOTORCYCLES ARE WELCOME)

**Come Ride the hills and curves of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa
Day trip(s) to Historic Galena and along the Mississippi River
Games Guided Rides Self-Guided Rides food is on your own**

RPM Academy's Road Captain Class offered on May 17th

HOST HOTEL: BAYMONT INN, 1060 RIVERSIDE DR., FREEPORT, IL \$89 per night

Phone: 815-599-8510 ask for the WING'D RIDERS block of rooms

CAMPING at Lena KOA Holiday campground just 15 minutes away

Freeport Honda/Kawasaki is just 3 minutes north of the Host Hotel

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Country Inn & Suites, Freeport, IL, phone 815-233-3300

Hampton Inn, Freeport, IL, phone 815-232-7100

Bob & Nicki Fowkes - Northern IL Ride In Coordinators, Home 815-288-5919, Cell 815-994-0247, Cell 815-994-0248

Email: robertf_fowkes@comcast.net

Additional info can be found on facebook State of IL WINGD RIDER or <https://wingdrider.com/Illinois> message board

ALL EVENT DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Registration form - please print clearly

Rider: _____ State: _____

Rider/CoRider: _____ State: _____

Email address: _____

Email address: _____

Street address: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Non-Wing'd Rider member registration \$25.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Wing'd Rider members registration \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Daily 50/50 drawings (6) for \$5.00 x _____ = \$ _____

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

____ I /we will attend the
Road Captain Class

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

Make checks payable to: State of Illinois Wing'd Riders-WR

Mail Registration to Northern Illinois Ride In c/o Bob & Nicki Fowkes, 904 Jay Dee Ave, Dixon, IL 61021-3449

Liability Release (ALL REGISTRANTS MUST SIGN)

We agree to hold harmless State of Illinois Wing'd Riders, the hosting organizations, event coordinators and all property owners for any loss and/or injury to self/property for any reason by participating in this event.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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

www.chaptera.org

2nd Saturday of the month @ Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Rd.

11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon.

Chapter C



Lexington KY

40509

www.kybluegrasswings.org

3rd Saturday of the month @ Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd.

11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon.

Chapter G



Florence KY

41042

www.chapterg.org

2nd Tuesday of the month @ American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy42. Eat at 6:00pm(Bring your own food) Meeting begins 7p

Chapter K



Henderson KY

42420

1st Saturday of the Month @ Henderson Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 Second St. Henderson, Ky. Meet@11:30am. Eat at noon.

CENTRAL TIME

Chapter S



Elizabethtown KY

42701

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

Chapter T



Paintsville KY

41240

3rd Saturday of the month Giovanni's pizza 261 Court St
Eat at 5pm. Meeting begins 6:00pm.

Chapter Y



Mayfield KY

42066

1st Thursday of the month @ Majestic Family Restaurant,
700 S. 6th Street. 6:00pm dinner. Meeting begins 7:00pm

CENTRAL TIME

Traveling Plaque

Chapter G has the Traveling Plaque. It will be available at their meeting on Tuesday May 14th. They meet at American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42 in Florence, KY. They eat at 6pm (bring your own food) and meet at 7pm.



Traveling Plaque Rules can be found by clicking [here](#)

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