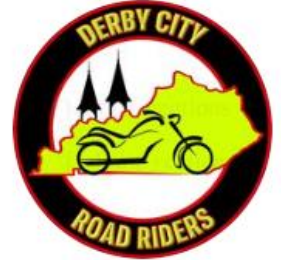




**WING'D
RIDERS**

Derby City Road Riders

Louisville, Kentucky



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Chapter A May 2024

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Couple of the Year: **Tony Johnson and Debi Baldwin**
Individual of the Year: **Chanel Blue**



Director's Track



One of the most enjoyable times of riding a Motorcycle in my opinion is when we are riding in a group.

I have been riding motorcycles since I was 12 years old. I have put many miles on my bikes riding alone and sometimes with one other rider. Nothing compares to riding with a

group. Having friends who are enjoying the ride as much as you are is a great feeling.

Knowing that there is someone there to offer help and or assistance takes all the doubt out of the ride. This feeling only comes with group riding.

The best way to ride with a group is to join a Motorcycle Chapter. The Chapters are very safety conscious and provide training to keep you abreast of how to handle emergencies along with proper riding etiquette and

safety.

Belonging to a Chapter guarantees that you will always find other riders that are willing to ride at moment's notice. They will ride at almost any time with Cold and Hot weather not being the exception.

We who are members of Wing D Riders can find Chapters all over the USA and beyond. No matter where you are, you will probably find riders who know the area and are willing to ride and show you around.

This is about the time of year that everyone starts out their big riding season. As Chapter members, we want to invite all Motorcycle riders to come and join us for some great riding and fellowship. No matter what bike you ride, you are always welcome to join us.

As far as Angela and I are concerned, the graduation season is about over, and we are ready to hit the road.

Hope to see you out there soon. Please drive safe and look out for each other.

Angela and Ray Taylor



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

Riding motorcycles in a group is an exhilarating experience, offering camaraderie and shared adventure on the open road. However, amidst the excitement, it's crucial to prioritize safety.

One often-overlooked aspect of group riding

safety is maintaining proper following distance. In the fast-paced environment of a motorcycle group ride, ensuring adequate space between bikes can make all the difference in preventing accidents and promoting a smooth, enjoyable journey.

Why Following Distance Matters

1. Reaction Time:

When riding in a group, unexpected situations can arise at any moment. Whether it's sudden braking, a pothole, or an obstacle on the road, having sufficient following distance allows riders the time they need to react appropriately. Reaction time is critical in avoiding collisions and maintaining control of your bike.

2. Visibility:

Maintaining a proper following distance enhances visibility for all riders in the group. When you're too close to the bike in front of you, your field of vision becomes limited, making it harder to anticipate changes in road conditions or the actions of other riders. By keeping a safe distance, you have a clearer view of the road ahead, improving overall safety.

3. Maneuverability:

Riding in close proximity to other motorcycles reduces your ability to maneuver freely. With inadequate space, you have less room to adjust your speed, change lanes, or avoid obstacles. By maintaining a safe following distance, you retain the flexibility to react to changing road conditions and execute maneuvers safely.

4. Wind and Debris:

Riding behind another motorcycle exposes you to the wind and debris kicked up by the lead bike. Maintaining a proper following distance helps minimize the impact of these factors, reducing the risk of being hit by flying debris or losing control due to sudden gusts of wind.

How to Maintain Proper Following Distance

1. The Two-Second Rule:

A commonly recommended guideline for following distance is the two-second rule. This means maintaining a distance from the motorcycle in front of you that would take at least two seconds to travel. To determine this distance, pick a fixed point on the road and count the seconds it takes for the bike ahead of you to reach that point. Adjust your speed accordingly to maintain a safe gap. At 30 miles per hour, you are traveling 44 feet per second, two seconds would be 88 feet. At

60 miles per hour the distance is doubled, 88 feet per second. The average perception-response time for motorcyclists is 1.25 seconds for unexpected objects, at 60 miles per hour an average rider will travel 110 feet from the moment an unexpected hazard is recognized to the moment the rider reacts.

2. Adjust for Speed and Conditions:

Following distance requirements vary depending on factors such as speed, weather conditions, and road surface. In adverse weather or poor visibility, increase your following distance to allow for extra reaction time. Similarly, when riding at higher speeds, extend your following distance to accommodate the increased stopping distance.

3. Avoid Excessive Following Distances:

While we always want our following distances to be safe, it can create issues if riders allow an excessive amount of distance from the rider in front of you. This can cause the group to become spread apart making it difficult to communicate and increase the likelihood the group will get separated.

4. Ride Defensively:

Even with proper following distance, remain vigilant and anticipate potential hazards. Pay attention to the behavior of other vehicles on the road and be prepared to react quickly if necessary. Defensive riding practices complement maintaining a safe following distance, further reducing the risk of accidents.

5. Ride Your Own Ride:

The most important rule of group riding is to not exceed your experience level when riding with a group. We are always responsible for ourselves and must ride our own ride.

Kent Risen

Chapter A Ride Coordinator



Membership Enhancement

Dean Miller/Miles Justice

Summer appears to be on the horizon at last. Although the late spring weather with strong storms and unpredictable rain have

certainly made riding challenging in the past few weeks. Speaking of challenges, as you all know, we have a couple of on-going Chapter A riding challenges. The May Copycat Challenge photo featured the Finn's Flock, a collection of 28 Colorful Steel Bird Sculptures bond on the small, wooded sculptures of late local artist Marvin Finn. Congratulations to Cindy Simpkins for winning the May Challenge and the \$10 Rooster's gift card prize!



We all know that motorcycle riders LOVE ice cream. This month's challenge takes you to a cool little walk-up ice cream stand called Barrel of Fun, located at 9421 Symrna Parkway, Louisville 40229. They have a variety of snack foods including burgers and dogs as well as the delicious frozen stuff. Hopefully, everyone will have a chance to venture over and grab a tasty treat while duplicating this pic for your June challenge entry!

June Copycat Challenge:

Barrel of Fun

9421 Symrna Parkway

Louisville, KY 40229

We very much welcome and appreciate any input you might have regarding challenges or other activities that 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 is still posted on the Facebook members page under “Files”. You can also text or email Dean or Miles to get another copy. Thanks, and enjoy!

Also, just a quick reminder that the 4th Annual Crossroads Crossword puzzle challenge is published in the State KRR Newsletter and looks like it will be a lot of fun. As a bonus, Donita and Ron made at least 2 of the puzzle clues in the Louisville area and near (or actual) copycat challenge locations. Another bonus this year is that you DO NOT have to complete the entire puzzle to enter the drawing for the gas card. All you need to do is complete one clue. Dean, Lora and I have participated in this challenge in each of the past 3 years and it is really a lot of fun, so we’d like to encourage everyone to participate too!

2024 Chapter Visits:



May 14th Chapter G



Editor's desk Karen Risen



Chapter A's Newsletter is here to serve the members and keep you informed. Thanks for the continued support from those who submit articles and photos to help keep it going.

2024 Chapter A Rides & Event Schedule:



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.

Thursday, May 30th

3:00pm - 5:00pm. Check in Hummingbird Hall

Depart for dinner no later than 5:30pm to Rockhouse on the River.

Friday, May 31st

8:00 am - Registration/Check in Hummingbird Hall

8:30 am Staging for Guided Rides

9:00 am Departure for Guided Rides (Some may be staggered start times. Details at registration.)

5:30 pm Dinner Served to registered attendees.

Games and Socializing after dinner

9:00 pm Good night

Saturday, June 1st

7:30 am - Pancake Breakfast for registered attendees Hummingbird Hall

8:00 am - Registration/Check in

8:30 am Staging for Guided Rides

9:00 am Departure for Guided Rides (Some may be staggered start times. Details at registration.)

4:30 pm Door Prize Drawing, 5//30/20 Drawing and Closing Remarks

5:00 pm Chapter K Gathering and Appetizers

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 Pavillion
- 9:00am – 2:30pm **Old Route 66 Adventure Ride (Staging at 8:30am)**
Leaving Wingd Rider Pavillion
- 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 Pavillion
- 9:00am – 2:30pm **Old Route 66 Adventure Ride (Staging at 8:30am)**
Leaving Wingd Rider Pavillion
- 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 – 6:00pm **Parade Staging**
TBD @ Niehaus cycles
- 6:00pm – 6:45pm **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



Wing'D Rider Recruitment Promotion

For every WR Member who sponsors a new membership or couples membership they will receive a \$10 credit. Each WRMember can use his/her credits to purchase ANYTHING from the WRider website, including membership renewals ,,, and also anything from the JMCorp website at www.JMCORP.com

If the new member signs up on-line ,,,, the sponsoring member need only send us an email, that he/she has sponsored a new member and give us the new members name and approximate date of the joining new member. Or the new member can use the attached paper app and put the sponsoring members name in the appropriate box ,,,,,,

Wing'D Rider Office will keep track of the credits for each member on a separate log in Tucson. Total credit amounts on file for each member can be obtained by email ONLY.



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**
State Educator

State Educator's Report

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

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

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

Here are some examples of actions which may cause confusion for other road users. While many of us use some sort of radio communication during our rides, we also use many hand signals to give others an understanding of what we want to do. Some gestures like a friendly wave to another motorcyclist could be misinterpreted when used in heavy traffic as though you are wanting a motorist to move to a new position on the road. Motorcycles have high compression engines and low gross weights, which allow us to slow the bikes and trikes very easily without using the brakes. But

if we are not using the brakes, we are also not signaling that we are slowing our forward progress. An inattentive driver may realize extremely late what is happening and abruptly apply his brakes to prevent a collision. This may also cause him to become upset, even though it is his own mistake. A strong engine, low gross weight, and a small relative size also allow motorcycles to at least appear as if they are accelerating very quickly. This may cause some drivers to think we are racing and attempt to “join the fun.” Riding a motorcycle is a physical activity and, especially on a two-wheeler, requires body movement to keep the machine going in the direction we want. Swerving to avoid any number of obstacles or road irregularities may catch the attention of other drivers due to the extreme movement of the bike or trike and our bodies while swerving. These rapid side-to-side changes can trigger anxiety from the unaware.

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

*Rick Artmayer
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 May Meeting Summary

Chapter A met Saturday May 11th. We had one visitor, Kay from Chapter K but she brought Monty our COY mascot and Debi and Tony were very happy to get him back! We also had some long-time members in attendance that we hadn't seen in a while. Connie and Mike Falone were back, and Bill and Sue Mucha came to visit. It was great to see them. Kent Risen led the meeting as Ray and Angela were out of town at their granddaughter's graduation in Texas. We had lots of fun and went on a ride to Polly Freeze in Indiana after the meeting.



Marble Game Winner

Sue Mucha had the winning ticket but did not draw the winning marble. \$240ish up for grabs next month. Come lose your marbles with us and win \$\$\$!



50/50 Winners:

1st Place Winner:
Beverly Decker-Blunk \$16

2nd Place Winner
Lora Miller \$16



(Thanks to all who played)

Birthdays: **Cindy Simpkins May 25th**



Anniversaries:



Chapter A's Next Meeting will be Saturday June 8th



The After Party:

Miles ducking bikes after the meeting!!

Polly Freeze in Indiana!



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

May is here and guess what it's almost half over. Kent and I have been on several rides already this year and are looking forward to the Ride-In later this month in Henderson, KY hosted by Chapter K.

When we think about attending the Ride-In we look forward to all the events planned and all the great times we will have with our riding friends not just from Chapter A but from all over the State of Kentucky. We also think about other people we might meet from outside our great state that come and attend our Ride-In. Kent and I enjoy meeting new people and making new connections which causes us to think about new members who might want to join our organization. I know sometimes it may sound like a hassle or a BIG project to attract new people into our groups. Some of us are introverts and may not be great at approaching or striking up conversations with people we don't know BUT we are here to tell you it's an important part of our Chapter's existence, our State's existence, and the existence of our national group Wing'd Rider.

For us to grow and continue to ride and have fun at the Chapter, State, and National level we need to participate and encourage others to participate. The great thing about our groups is that there is something for everyone from riding, to visiting other Chapters, to State events which include education both on bike and off bike that makes us better riders, to just hanging out with friends. Kent and I have met so many new people since we got involved with GWRRA and now Wing'd Rider. We started participating in Chapter A life which led us to visiting other Chapters throughout the state, which led us to rallies both in and out of the state of Kentucky. We have been having the best time and do you know how it all got started?? Ray Taylor called and invited us to a Chapter meeting. Yep, that's it. Sounds simple, doesn't it?? So, the next time you see someone out on a bike strike up a conversation, invite them to your Chapter meeting, invite them to a state event, invite them out on your dinner ride. Kent and I look forward to all the new friends we will make being a part of Wing'D rider and enjoying all the benefits it has to offer. We can't wait to see where we go with them in the future!



**Dean and Lora
Miller**

State COY

State Couple of the Year: Dean and Lora Miller

Greetings from Roswell, GA! While we weren't able to take the trike on this quick little vacation we did take along the Leesurelite because on the way to visit our son and his wife in Roswell we stopped in at Hamilton Branch State Park in South Carolina to camp with a lifelong friend from middle school. If you've never been there we highly recommend camping here. There are over 200 sites and all but two are lakeside and they are spread out so your not on top of each other.

This was the first time we actually used the camper in an actual campground setting so it gave us practice for the upcoming stay at Audubon State Park for the Ride-In at the end of this month. We are so looking forward to participate in all the exciting events that Chapter K has put together. It's going to be a lot of fun. Everyone be safe and we'll see you there!



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

After some reflection, I have decided the best topic for this month's article is the State Couple and Individual of the Year competition. As you are probably aware, this competition originally existed within the GWRRA organization. Once that entity disbanded and Kentucky opted to join Wing'd Rider, Kentucky decided to continue this tradition. The COY and IOY programs provide a great opportunity to serve as an ambassador for Kentucky Road Riders and Wing'd Rider. It encourages Chapter visitation while chasing cute mascots. It enables the participants the chance to represent the national and state organizations as well as your individual chapter, both in-state and out-of-state. More importantly, it provides the opportunity to get new folks involved in leadership at the chapter and state levels to ensure fresh ideas are continually being added by including new people on the leadership teams on an on- going basis. Admittedly, I was nervous at the thoughts of going for State IOY in 2023 but am so glad I did. From completing the resume, going through the interview process with judges from other states to the Q&A at the Blast, it was a very enjoyable experience. I have met so many wonderful folks across the country because of holding first, the Chapter A IOY position, and then being the first ever KRR State Individual of the Year. For those of you serving as Chapter COYs and IOYs this year, I highly encourage you to consider continuing

your role and growing in your leadership within KRR by competing for the state position. I think you will find it worth your while and very fulfilling!



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



I was pondering writing about the most amazing and beautiful places I've ridden my motorcycle. But I realized, even in my short 6 years of riding, I've had the opportunity to enjoy some amazing scenery! And it's not always well known, popular motorcycle routes where you find those sites that just leave you in awe of

the natural beauty around us. Sometimes it's the result of a wrong turn (IYKYK) or maybe it's catching a particular view with the sun positioned just right.

Before I got my first motorcycle, Tony and I had traveled on his Harley Road King and then his Goldwing. We had ridden to St Louis, Chicago, Florida, West Virginia, and a few other places. But by 2018, I had my first motorcycle and didn't care for his passenger seat so much any longer. In 2019, Tony and I took our first motorcycle trip with me riding my own (and I was on 2 wheels then). We rode to my hometown of Mt Vernon in Ohio. There is some beautiful riding around my hometown but the thing I remember most was riding through Mohican State Park

with a drop off on one side and switchbacks as we rode down the very large hill to the covered bridge over the river at the bottom. As a newer rider, I was in awe.

Our Chapter trip to Pigeon Forge in early 22 was the first time I'd ridden through the mountains and it was magnificent. And a wrong turn ended up being the BEST adventure ever and I LOVED how it challenged me! Later in 22, riding in the Ozarks with the Chapter was incredible. Everywhere around Branson was breathtaking, especially the Grand Gulf State Park, aka "Little Grand Canyon." Experiencing eastern Kentucky when the Chapter rode to Jenny Wiley State Park for the Ride In in 23 was another great adventure. Then there was our ride with Chapter S to Tuscumbia, AL. I recall riding through a State Park or Forrest that engulfed us in the trees and was incredibly peaceful. Also in 23, Tony and I took another bike trip to Ohio and rode ALL OVER the State. If you haven't ridden the southeastern part of Ohio, the Windy 9 and all through the Hocking Hills, you must! It was simply sublime! And of course, the beauty of Kentucky and Indiana we have explored both with the Chapter and by ourselves has allowed some beautiful experiences as well. Of course, we enjoy every ride (so many I didn't mention) and find beauty all around us. But there are definitely imprints of certain rides. I know most of you have been riding far longer than I have and have seen even more incredible things. One day, I may catch up. Maybe.

There is just something about experiencing the world from the seat of a motorcycle. I find the difference in perspective allows me to experience the beauty around me differently. I experience it in a way that feels so much more connected. It soothes the soul. Wind therapy is a real thing. Go get yours!

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:

	<p><u>Chapter A—Louisville</u></p>	<p>Meets the 2nd Saturday Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7 Louisville, KY 40065 Eat at 11:00 am—Meet at 12:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter C—Lexington</u></p>	<p>Meets the 3rd Saturday Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd. Lexington, KY 40509 Eat at 11:00am—Meet at 12:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter G — Northern KY</u></p>	<p>Meets 2nd Tuesday American Legion Post 4 8385 US Hwy 42 Florence, KY 41042 6:00pm Bring your own dinner to eat and socialize—Meet at 7:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter K—Henderson</u></p>	<p>Meets 1st Saturday Echo Lanes 1698 Second St. Henderson, KY 42420 Meet at 11:30am (CT)— Eat at 12:00pm (CT)</p>
	<p><u>Chapter S — Elizabethtown</u></p>	<p>Meets 1st or 2nd Sunday (check State Calendar) Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701 Eat at 4:00pm—Meet at 5:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter T — Paintsville</u></p>	<p>Meets 3rd Saturday Giovanni's Pizza 261 Court St., Paintsville, KY Eat at 5:00pm—Meet at 6:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter Y—Mayfield</u></p>	<p>Meets 1st Thursday Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S 6th St Mayfield, KY 42066 Eat at 6:00pm—Meet 7:00 (CT)</p>

Traveling Plaque

Chapter A has the Traveling Plaque. It will be available at their meeting on Saturday June 8th. They meet at Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Rd. Louisville, KY. They eat at 11am and meet at noon.



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

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