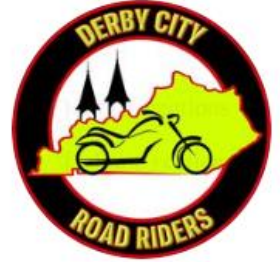




**WING'D
RIDERS**

Derby City Road Riders

Louisville, Kentucky



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Chapter A June 2024

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



Director's Track



As the director of our esteemed motorcycle group, I am thrilled to welcome you all to another exciting riding season. The open road beckons, promising adventures, camaraderie, and the pure thrill of riding that unites us all. This season, we have an array of exciting rides planned. Our rides will explore new terrains, ensuring a mix of challenging routes and breathtaking landscapes.

I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication and passion each of you brings to this group. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a new member, your contributions enrich our community.

Safety remains our top priority. Before each ride, please ensure your

bike is in top condition, and don't forget to wear your protective gear.

Let's make this season unforgettable. Here's to safe rides, memorable journeys, and the unbreakable bond of our motorcycle family.

Angela and Ray Taylor



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

The weekend before the Ride-In, Karen and I embarked on a motorcycle adventure to Athens, OH, eager to explore some of the renowned Windy 9 routes. The area, celebrated for its scenic beauty, did not

disappoint. The roads were curvy, hilly, and offered a thrilling ride through lush landscapes and rolling hills.

We dedicated a day and a half to our exploration, managing to ride five out of the nine routes. On the first day, we tackled the Triple Nickel and the Zaleski Zipper. The second day saw us conquering the Hocking Hills Nipper, Rim of the World, and Lazy River routes. Each path presented its own unique set of challenges and delights, making for an exhilarating experience.

As we rode, I found myself frequently reminded of the vanishing point or limit point technique, a concept discussed in our December 2023 newsletter article. This technique is crucial not just for handling curves but also when approaching blind hills. For those unfamiliar, the vanishing point is the furthest point on the road where you can see, which helps determine your speed and stopping distance.

On the Triple Nickel route, the importance of this technique became particularly evident. There were several turns immediately following blind hills. The key here

is to adjust your speed so that you can stop safely, if necessary, when you reach the limit point. This approach ensures that you can handle any surprise curve on the other side of the blind hill or stop for an obstacle after cresting the hill.

Imagine riding up a hill where the road's crest blocks your view. As you approach the top, you must be prepared for whatever lies beyond – whether it's a sharp turn, another vehicle, or an obstacle. By using the vanishing point technique, you focus on being able to stop within the distance you can see, adjusting your speed accordingly. This method was especially critical on stretches of road that resembled a roller coaster, with multiple crests creating numerous vanishing points. Each crest required us to be vigilant and ready to stop, ensuring a safer and more controlled ride.

The Roller Coaster-like sections of the Triple Nickel were particularly memorable. The road would rise sharply, then dip, only to rise again. Each time we crested a hill, it felt like we were launching into the unknown. Yet, by keeping the vanishing point in mind, we navigated these areas with confidence, always prepared for what might come next.

The Zaleski Zipper, with its tight, twisty curves, demanded a different kind of attention. Here, the vanishing point technique helped us maintain a steady speed and smooth line through each turn, enhancing both safety and enjoyment. The Hocking Hills Nipper offered sweeping curves and beautiful vistas, while the Rim of the World provided breathtaking views and challenging terrain that tested our riding skills.

Our final route, Lazy River, was a perfect end to the adventure. It was more relaxed, with gentle curves winding alongside a serene river, allowing us to unwind and enjoy the tranquility after the more intense rides.

Throughout our journey, the vanishing point technique proved invaluable, reinforcing the importance of riding with caution and awareness. It reminded us that while the thrill of the ride is exhilarating, safety should always be our top priority.

Reflecting on our trip, it's clear that the Windy 9 offers something for every rider – from challenging curves to scenic beauty. Karen and I left Athens with a deeper appreciation for the stunning landscapes of Ohio. We look forward to returning and exploring the remaining routes, armed with the lessons learned and memories made on this unforgettable journey.

Kent Risen
Ride Coordinator



Membership Enhancement

Dean Miller/Miles Justice

The KRR Ride-In is in the books as one of the best and we are looking forward to the Blast in August! In the meantime, here's another challenge for Chapter A members.



The June Copycat Challenge photo was a cool little walk-up ice cream stand, Barrel of Fun at 9421 Symrna Parkway. Photo info was shared at the May meeting with entries due at the June meeting. Congratulations to Danny Drane for winning the \$10 Rooster's gift card and thanks to all who participated.

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 was published in the March newsletter and hardcopies were distributed at the March meeting. If anyone needs to review this, it is posted on the private Facebook page under “Files”. You can also text or email Dean or Miles to get another copy. Thanks and enjoy!

You can capture July’s challenge pic by riding to Elder Park Rd, La Grange, KY 40031. There you’ll find the 12’x12’ cabin that farmer Rusty Jones built for his granddaughter and placed atop one of his 50’ silo’s. Complete with running water and electricity the cabin can only be accessed from inside the locked silo. **This may or may not be one of the clues found on the KRR's crossroads puzzle :-)**



Also, wanted to do a quick reminder that 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. Unlike previous versions of this challenge, 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. Donita has asked us to emphasize this fact in hopes of generating more participation. Miles, Lora and I have participated in this challenge in each of the past 3 years and it is really a lot of fun. We encourage everyone to at least consider hitting those sites near Louisville.



2024 Chapter Visits:



June is double points month for Chapter A and we are starting off strong by getting lots of folks out to visit other Chapters this month and rack up those points!!

June 11th visit to Chapter S

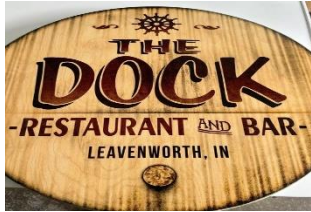


Editor's desk Karen Risen



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.

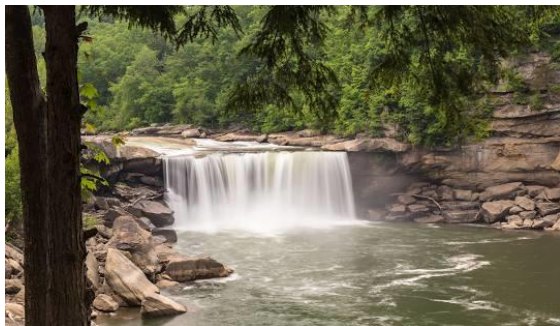
2024 Chapter A Rides & Event Schedule:



Saturday June 22nd Lunch Ride to the Dock Restaurant meeting Chapter K details coming soon.....



Saturday July 6th-7th Red River Gorge Overnight. Depart from Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Rd. Louisville at 8am. Stay at Comfort Inn and Suites 105 Stone Trace Drive, Mt Sterling, Ky 40353



Saturday July 20th-21st Cumberland Falls Moonbow Ride and Overnight Baymont by Wyndham 174 Adams Rd. Corbin, Ky. Depart from Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Rd. Louisville. Time to be announced.



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

Upcoming Ky State Events:

June 6th & 7th 2025 Kentucky Ride-In hosted by
Chapter Y in Mayfield, KY. Details coming soon...

Registration form & more info please visit: kyroadriders.org



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

*June 26 depart Menards in Jeffersonville Ind at 1:30pm to ride to
Litchfield, Il 8:30pm*

August 15-17 Kentucky Blast State Rally



*The 2024 Blast will return to the Danville showroom
and the theme is: 70's Hippy Bash-Peace, Love, and
Motorcycles. A block of hotel rooms is 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*



*Do you need to learn riding
safety or update your current
riding skills? Click the link to
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**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**
State Educator

State Educator's Report

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

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

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

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

Practice. *Put all the knowledge from the reading material and the riding classes into actual performance. Smoothly navigating through a crowded parking lot or a busy gas station will draw attention to you, in a good way. This attention will increase exponentially when in a group of like-minded riders. Being the good rider that you are, and working to be the great rider you want to be, will attract people to you. All you need to do is answer their questions with the sincerity and energy that you have for motorcycling. The inquirer will want*

what you have. Lead by example. Because of your continued practice and education in our sport, you will attract new members without any extra special effort.

*Richard Artmayer
KY District Educator*

Chapter A Monthly Meet!!

2nd Saturday of the Month Roosters

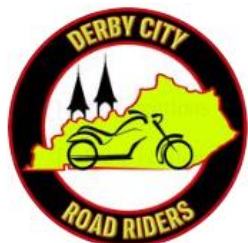
10430 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY

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 June 8th we had friends from Chapters C, Chapter G, and Chapter K. We also had a new visitor that is now a member of Chapter A and Wing'd Rider. Please say hi and introduce yourself to

Alice Shropa. Welcome Alice, we are glad to have you!!

We have lots of upcoming rides now posted on our members Facebook page thanks to our awesome ride Coordinator, Kent Risen. Please check it out and start planning which ones you'd like to participate in. There will also be an updated tentative ride schedule for 2024 coming soon. It will be again pinned at the top of the Facebook page with ride ideas and possible dates if we want to do them. If you have other ideas for rides, please let Kent Risen or Don Price know, and they will try to add them to the list.

Finally, June is double visitation points for our Chapter so make plans to get out and visit other Chapters!!

Marble Game Winner

Janet Price had the winning ticket but did not draw the winning marble. \$300ish up for grabs next month. Come lose your marbles with us and win \$\$\$!

50/50 Winners:

1st Place Winner:
Zeus Cosme \$28



2nd Place Winner
Danny Drane \$28

(Thanks to all who played)



Birthdays:
Lora Miller June 30th

Anniversaries:
Dean and Lora Miller June 13th



Chapter A's Next Meeting will be Saturday July 13th



**Kent and Karen
Risen**
State COY Coordinators

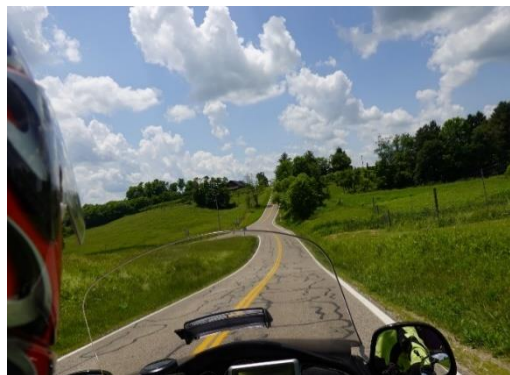
State Couple of the Year/Individual of the Year Coordinators

Well May is almost over; Kent and I just spent a great Memorial Day weekend riding the Windy 9 in Ohio and the Kentucky Ride-In is coming up this coming weekend, so we are looking forward to more great riding down in Henderson, Ky!! The resumes for the State positions for Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year are due at the Ride-In so we really hope some of our great 2024 Couples and Individuals will participate in the selection process at the Kentucky Blast in August. This is such a fun event and we've tried to make it a simpler process by revising the resume so it's easier to fill out. It is really all about having fun while representing the great State of Kentucky. It also allows you the opportunity to work closer with the Kentucky staff and just be more involved in our great group. Now let's talk about riding the Windy 9!!

As I said Kent and I just got back from riding the Windy 9 in Ohio! This ride was originally Chapter C's ride and Kent and I decided to join them. We were so excited when they posted the ride, we booked our room right away and started planning. We added the ride to Chapter A's ride schedule back in March to give our group plenty of time to plan since some of our members had been interested in riding the Windy 9 the previous year. Unfortunately, none of our Chapter A members ended up being able to go and then Chapter C decided to cancel the ride a few weeks before the trip. Kent and I were so disappointed!

Well, you know what they say, when life gives you, lemons make lemonade! So, we decided we would still go and go we did. The weather started off a little iffy for Athens, Ohio with a possible 40% chance of rain on Saturday but by the time we rode up on Friday, Saturday's rain chance had decreased to 15%! We also decided to rebook our hotel to Athen's city center so we could walk to our dinner restaurants because we knew we would be spending long days on the bike, and we were so glad we did. The hotel staff at Athens Central Hotel were friendly and helpful and even had a Windy 9 tourism packet to give us at check in, the room was spotless and modern and conveniently located in the center of Athens, Ohio.

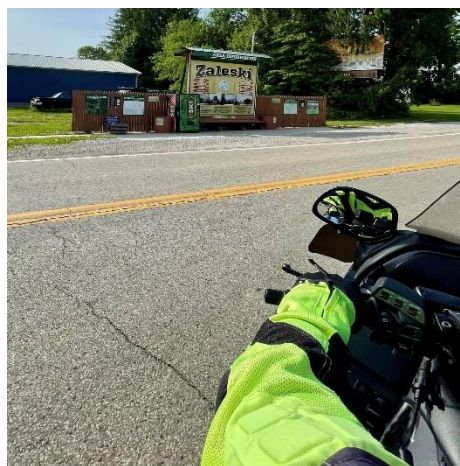
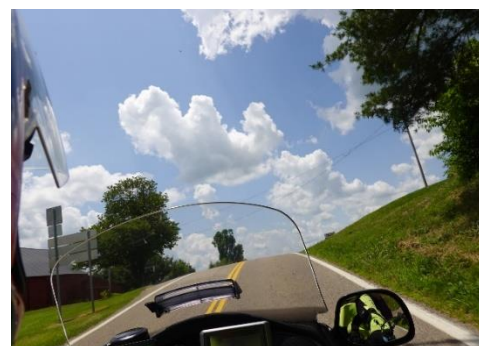
Athens is a cool quirky college town, but college was out for the summer and Memorial Day Weekend ended up being a great time to visit with no crowds. We got right into local restaurants without a wait and experienced no traffic back ups in the multiple areas of highway construction. We kept saying if we had visited during the tourist season in the fall traffic would've been a nightmare so thanks Chapter C for picking Memorial Day Weekend for the ride, it worked out great for us!!



The first day (Friday) we left Louisville around 8:30am and rode Interstate from Louisville to Zanesville, Ohio so we could pick up our first Windy 9 route, the "Triple Nickel" (Hwy 555) which extends from Zanesville Ohio down to Athens Ohio or vice versa depending on which direction you want to take. Since we had an overnight stay in Athens, we decided to start the route in

Zanesville and end up in Athens. The Triple Nickel did not disappoint and was full of lots of twisties, switchbacks, blind curves, hills, and beautiful rural scenery. We think it might've been our absolute favorite of the Windy 9 rides we got to do and so much fun ya'll!!

When we finished the Triple Nickel, it was around 4ish in the afternoon, time to check into our hotel. Once we got to our room, we realized we had just enough time to squeeze in another short Windy 9 ride before the day was done. We chose the "Zaleski Zipper" since it was only about a 60-mile route. We zipped up and down nice hills and curves through the Zaleski State Forest and past Lake Hope State park. It was another fun one y'all. The final mileage for Day 1 ended up being close to 415 miles of pure joy!!



The second day (Saturday) we decided to head over to Hocking Hills State park and visit Ash cave. The Windy 9 route that would get us there was the "Hocking Hills Nipper". The first turn on this route had us riding across a covered bridge!! What an awesome start!! We then rode hills and curves through Wayne National forest. It was a beautiful route, and we finally found Ash Cave by following the park signs instead of the gps shortcuts which wanted to take us down gravel roads. NO gravel!!



After visiting the beautiful Ash Cave in Hocking Hills state park and stretching our legs a bit we decided to hop on our



next Windy 9 ride called "Rim of the World". One of "America's most popular rides" according to the Windy 9 website. This route took us through charming small towns, more of Wayne's National Forest, and past Burr Oak State Park riding by beautiful lakes and ponds full of water lilies. We decided our lunch stop would be at the historic Stockport Mill in Stockport, Ohio but when we arrived, they were

not open until 5pm. Plan B was the Blue Bell Diner in the nearby small town of McConnelsville, Ohio and the Cheese curds were to die for!!



After lunch our next ride was the "Lazy Rivers" which took us alongside the Hocking River and Ohio River where we passed the Ohio River locks and dams. Needless to say, the views here were beautiful and we ended up in the biker friendly town of Pomeroy, Ohio. From Pomeroy we headed back to Athens for the evening. Day 2 ended up being another 274 miles of beautiful scenery and amazing riding!!



When we got back to Athens Saturday night we were watching the weather back home in Louisville. We had planned on possibly trying to ride another Windy 9 route before we headed for home the following day but there was a large storm system moving into Louisville on Sunday morning and then moving toward Athens Sunday evening and Monday. We considered staying another night in Athens if the weather would've moved through by then, but we decided the best thing to do was head home early Sunday before the storms system. We got really lucky, dry the entire way and we rolled in about 20 minutes before the storm. Great end to great ride!!



**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**

June 6th marked the end of an error for me when I picked up my new-to-me 2021 Can-Am Spyder RT Limited at CC Powersports in Shepherdsville. I had been interested in these machines since they were first introduced in the US back in 2009. Being a shorty, the Spyder seemed like a great option for me to own a touring machine while maintaining stability. But, at that point, they were a relatively unknown and unproven machine, and I was not willing to take a risk.

Flash forward to 2019, when Dean Miller insisted, I try out his Goldwing Trike. That was all it took for me to be hooked on 3-wheeling. Since purchasing my 2006 GW Trike in September 2019, I have put just over 50K miles on her. Despite a few mechanical issues here and there (primarily with the Motor Trike kit, not the Wing), I have enjoyed owning and riding this bike. Thus, when it came time for a newer ride, it was a tough decision whether to buy another Wing or finally take a chance on the Spyder. Admittedly, price was a bit of a consideration – I could get a comparable Spyder for around \$15K less. But I was also interested in trying something new and different in much the same way I did those years ago when buying my trike. After riding Debi Baldwin's 2018 Spyder RT Limited and talking with Don Price (aka Spyderman) in Henderson at the Ride In last weekend (thanks y'all), I decided to see what I could find on Facebook Marketplace by way of Spyders. I found a couple of interesting options there, but Cindy Simpkins also sent me a link to a machine at CC. Don joined me for a test ride Wednesday and a few hours later, I was signing a purchase agreement and making a deposit. Cindy drove to Shelbyville the next afternoon to schlep me back to CC to complete the purchase and pick up my baby.

Thus, I have now joined the ranks of the Spyder riders. But I still feel like I belong as a member of Wing'd Rider at every level, national, state (Kentucky Road Riders) and chapter (Derby City Road Riders). I just love that this is an inclusive organization – welcoming to and supportive of all riders regardless of the machine

they choose to enjoy in the open air! As this article shows, I had lots of help from my fellow riders getting to this point. And I would never have known them but for my membership in the former GWRRA and current Wing'd Rider organization.



Likewise, when I shared my new ride on Facebook, so many of my fellow riders congratulated me and wished me well. Just another reason why joining the organization and participating therein is such a privilege. I know of no other place where this happens, so I highly encourage everyone to continue to support Wing'd Rider.

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



I'm sure we're going to be hearing a ton of reflections from the recent 2024 Ride In so why not share ours, as well? May 30 - Jun 1 the Kentucky Road Riders' 2024 Ride In was held in Henderson, Kentucky, and hosted by Chapter K, Henderson Wings. Tony and I had an amazing time! Chapter K really rocked this event. The area was gorgeous, the company and connection were fabulous, the events were perfect, and the

rides were magnificent! What more could anyone want? They really seemed to have thought of everything and that is ALWAYS the sign of a successful event.

On Friday, the wonderful ride we rode on ran into a logistical problem when the planned lunch restaurant had mechanical issues and had to close short notice. Bruce Hensley with Chapter K, who was leading the ride, didn't hesitate to offer us a solution! We ended up eating on a somewhat questionable raft on the Ohio River. However, it was a really cool raft connected to a little floating restaurant

that we really enjoyed. What a great backup plan!

However, there were other obstacles that we overcame during the Ride In, as well. Chapter K arranged a host hotel located directly beside the campground, so we were all nearby when we were ready to socialize in the evenings. It was perfect. The obstacle was that the campground had a perimeter fence that made getting into the campground to hang out rather.....challenging. But we overcame that obstacle, too! Slushies were consumed, socializing happened, and a good time was had by all! If nothing else, we are problem solvers in the Kentucky Road Riders.

We hope to see everyone and maybe even some new faces at the upcoming Kentucky Road Riders 2024 Blast in Danville, Kentucky, Aug 15 - 17!

Chapter A's Individual of the Year: Chanel Blue



Let me start by saying wow, it has been an amazing past week. The weather has not yet been ideal this year for motorcycle riders, but luckily last week was amazing, aside from a few sprinkles here and there. I enjoyed adventures with other chapters/members of Wing'd Riders in Henderson, KY for the 2024 Ride-In which was hosted by Chapter K. As the awesome members of Chapter A rode to Henderson, KY, we made some stops for gas, which allowed me to teach

everyone the proper way to gas a motorcycle.

Upon arrival at the hotel, I encountered what could have been the grinch, but luckily, I did not allow her negative energy to rain on my parade. After getting checked into our rooms, we all ventured to the Hummingbird Hall to meet the other members of Wing'd Riders and took a scenic ride to eat at Rockhouse on the River, just as a prelude to the shenanigans that Henderson, KY was going to encounter. While at the restaurant there was an amazing sunset across the street over the water.

The next morning, I enjoyed an exhilarating motorcycle ride around Henderson,

KY, leading into Illinois. Midway into the ride we stopped at E-Town River Restaurant and ate some tasty food. The River Restaurant was cool and scary at the same time, but the company was amazing. After filling our bellies, back on the motorcycles we went, to enjoy more of the beautiful countryside. We stopped to enjoy a ferry ride, during which I took the opportunity to lay back and kick my feet up on Ms. Ruby. It was neat to ride the ferry, as this was a first for me. The ferry was called the Loni Jo in Port of Cave in Rock, IL. After heading across the river, we rode to visit a town called little Sturgis, KY, where the owner of the motorcycle shop said that the parties could get a little rowdy, but they have a good time. So, if anyone wants to go to a smaller version of Sturgis, they are having a “Bike Rally July 17 – 21, 2024”. Later, that night we were provided with a delicious meal by Chapter K. Afterwards, some of us ended the night by visiting members at the campsite and let’s just say, the trip getting to the campsite was a laughing matter, but it was tons of fun.

I appreciate the sky holding out and giving us some good days to ride, but Saturday, the sky opened. Some individuals rode, but I stayed at the Hummingbird Hall and enjoyed some games and of course ate some good food. Upon the return of the other members, we enjoyed more laughs while some people won prizes. And Zeke has made it back home with me and ready for some adventures. The good times didn't stop there! We squeezed in one last hangout before everyone had to return to their "neutral corners" (fancy talk for home). The hotel lobby practically overflowed with laughter, good conversation, and maybe a few dramatic goodbyes (hopefully mostly playful).

Sunday saw us head home, already counting down the days until our next group ride and the epic Blast in August. Here's to good company, questionable navigation skills (hey, we got there!), and motorcycle rides that create lasting memories (and maybe a few stories for future laughs).



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:

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|  <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 K has the Traveling Plaque. It will be available at their meeting on 7/6/2024. They meet at 11:30am central time at Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 Second St Henderson Ky.



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