

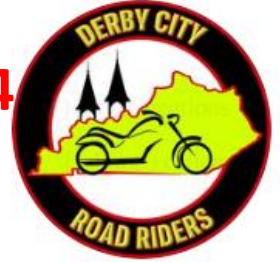


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Director's Track



Each year all of us have something that is exciting, and we can't wait for it to come about.

As we get closer to this happening, excitement starts to build up and our minds are consumed with thoughts about

the event.

This year it is the annual Fall Trip with Chapter "A" in Louisville, KY. At this point the Fall Trip is only a week away and the excitement is building to the point of consuming a lot of my daily thoughts.

This trip is scheduled to take 9 days.

We will start from Louisville, KY and then proceed up through Indiana to Michigan. Upon getting up to the top of mainland Michigan, we will cross the Mackinac Bridge and on up to Sault Ste Marie. We will then go east through Canada and down to Niagara Falls. After our Niagara Falls visit, we will go West and South back to Louisville. This should be a trip that would cause excitement for any Motorcyclist.

If you are a Motorcyclist and enjoy riding, then come join us at Chapter "A" Louisville. I can guarantee excitement and enjoyment.

Looking forward to seeing all of you out on the Road.

Ride Safe!

Ray and Angela Taylor



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

As we prepare for our Fall trip, I started wondering about early long-distance motorcycle riding. Some internet searches identified George Wyman as the first to cross country in

1902. It is hard to imagine a trip like George's!

George Wyman is often celebrated as a pioneering figure in the world of long-distance motorcycling for his historic cross-country journey across the United States. In 1903, Wyman became the first person to travel coast-to-coast on a motorized vehicle, a remarkable feat at a time when motorcycles were still in their infancy.

Born in 1877, Wyman was already an experienced bicyclist and motorcyclist when he embarked on his groundbreaking journey. His trip began in San Francisco on May 16, 1903, aboard a 1.25-horsepower California Motorcycle, a rudimentary machine by today's standards. The motorcycle was essentially a motorized bicycle, with a small engine bolted to the frame and a top speed of around 25 miles per hour.

Wyman's journey was filled with challenges that would test even the most seasoned adventurers. The roads were often little more than dirt paths, and the infrastructure for such a trip was virtually non-existent. Wyman faced mechanical breakdowns, harsh weather conditions, and the physical strain of navigating rough terrain. Despite these obstacles, he pressed on, often having to pedal his motorcycle like a bicycle when the engine failed or the roads were too rough.

Over the course of 50 days, Wyman covered approximately 3,800 miles, crossing deserts, mountains, and plains. His route took him through Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois before finally reaching his destination of New York City on July 6, 1903. Along the way, he meticulously documented his journey, sending reports to The Motorcycle Magazine, which published them in serialized form.

Wyman's cross-country trek was a milestone in the history of motorized travel, proving that motorcycles could endure long distances and challenging conditions. His adventure also highlighted the potential for motorized vehicles to connect distant parts of the country, a concept that would soon become a reality with the advent of automobiles and improved road networks.



George A. Wyman as he appeared at the end of his Cross-Country Ride.



Membership Enhancement

Dean Miller/Miles Justice

Don't forget that there is still plenty of time to participate in Chapter A's 2024 yearly Scavenger Hunt. This challenge does not have to be completed until mid-November and the winner will be awarded at our December holiday party. The items list for the yearly Scavenger hunt is posted in the "Files" section of the member's Facebook page. You can also text or email Dean or Miles to get an electronic copy. Thanks, and enjoy!

October Copycat Challenge Picture

Our October Challenge will be at the Golden Statue of David in front of the 21C Hotel and Museum, 700 W Main St in downtown Louisville, Kentucky so go snap a picture with your bike in front of the statue and remember the pictures aren't due until the October meeting. We will have no September challenge and no September Chapter meeting due to our Annual September bike trip.



Golden Statue of David owned by the 21C Hotel & Museum

State Membership Enhancement:



For those of you who attended the Blast in mid-August, you might have heard that Dean and Lora Miller and I are assuming the role of Co-Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators for Kentucky Road Riders. Trying to step into the shoes of Mike and Deidre Van Hoose is all but impossible. Instead, I am simply committing to do the best I can to continue the proud tradition of enhancing participation for the Kentucky members to the greatest extent possible. One aspect of Chapter life for which the MEPC is responsible is the Couple and Individual of the Year Program. Dean, Lora and I were able to host a social hour for current and former COYs/IOYs Friday afternoon at the Blast. Part of the discussion at that session included asking folks what they enjoyed about the program and what they might recommend revising. We received some really great feedback and intend to take a hard look at the program for possible modifications going forward. I mention this here not just to let everyone know to be expecting some updates to that program but also to solicit additional input from all of the Kentucky members for ways to enhance your experience as KRR members. Ultimately, the function of MEPC is to ensure that the members are enjoying their time with KRR. In order to accomplish this, I am asking anyone with thoughts or suggestions on how to improve things to please reach out to any of the 3 of us at mepc@kyroadriders.org. Thanks to everyone for allowing me to serve in this new role as part of the State Team.

Congratulations to the New State Couple of the Year:

Jim and Kay Bryan from Chapter K



And the new State Individual of the Year: Ron Harper from Chapter G



Ron Harper

State IOY

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Ron Harper, the newly appointed IOY for Kentucky. I have probably met most of you as I have visited all of the Kentucky Chapters this year. I also attended the Ops Meeting early in the year as well as the Ride-In in Henderson and The Blast in Danville.

I just wanted to tell you a little about myself. I started riding motorcycles in 1966. I joined GWRRA in 2003 with my home Chapter being KY G where I served as Awards Coordinator from 2006 thru 2015. I was married for 51 years, though my wife chose not to participate with the Chapter. I lost her to cancer in 2019. In 2015 and again in 2024, I was selected as IOY for the Chapter.

Joining GWRRA was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. Since then I have met so many fine people with many of them I call friends, not just acquaintances. The Chapter made a huge change in my life with the introduction to long distance riding as well as camping. Yes I had been riding for years, but never long distances and certainly not to be camping along the way.

My goal as state IOY is to spread the word of what our organization stands for and the benefits of memberships. Even though I had bikes for many years it was mostly just short neighborhood rides and mostly just me, a lone rider on his bike, with no real destination in mind. It's not that way any longer. Being associated with KRR can be a life changer when someone is always ready to ride and usually with a particular interesting destination to ride toward. I'm happy to represent the State of Kentucky as your 2024 IOY.

2024 Chapter Visits:



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.

2024 Chapter A Rides & Event Schedule:



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 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



Chapter A past rides:

The August 2024 Kentucky Blast was groovy!!



We did a lunch ride to Two River's restaurant at General Butler State park to meet up with Chapter G!



A few Chapter A members were able to attend the 2024 Virginia Rally and meet up with other Kentucky Road Riders. A good time was had by ALL!



Kentucky State Events:



Upcoming Ky State Events:

**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State
Directors

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 25-28th 2025 Wing'D Rider Rally in South

Dakota: Info & Registration @
wingrider.com

Join us for Wing'd Rider Rally #3, Box Elder SD! June 25th – 28th, 2025 at the BOX Events Center. Trade Show Expo, Adventure Rides, JMCorp/Vendor Party Night, Rally Games, 50/50, Grand Prize Drawings at Closing Ceremonies & DRAWING FOR 2025 GOLD WING! (must be present to win). Host hotel Courtyard by Marriott with discount hotel block exclusively for members that have registered for the rally, so don't delay! Go to the WRWebsite at www.WINGDRIDER.com

The logo for Wing'd Rider Rally #3, featuring a motorcycle silhouette inside a yellow and red circular border with the text "JUNE 25th - JUNE 28th, 2025" and "WING'D RIDER RALLY #3 BOX ELDER, SD".

**JUNE 25th –
JUNE 28th, 2025**

HOSTED AT:
THE BOX
Box Elder, SD, 57719

**REGISTER NOW FOR
ALL EVENTS**

- 50/50 • Adventure Rides • Vendor Party Night
- Grand Prize Drawing

WIN a 2025 Gold Wing at Closing Ceremonies!

HOST HOTEL:
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August 14-16th Kentucky Blast State Rally @
General Butler State Park. The theme is “Riding, Rocking,
and Rolling”. A block of rooms has been reserved at the
lodge. Ask for the 6977 block rate for Kentucky Road Riders
when making reservations 866-462-8853. The lodge rooms
include 2 queen beds and a continental breakfast. The rate
for August 13th and 14th is \$139.95 per night and the rate for
August 15th and 16th is \$154.95 per night. There are also
cabins and camping available. **For more information, please**
visit: kyroadriders.org



**Do you need to learn riding
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**Rick and Kim
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State Educator

State Educator's Report

Professional: As an adjective, 1. relating to or belonging to a profession. 2. engaged in a specified activity as one's main paid occupation rather than as a pastime. As a noun, 1. a person engaged or qualified in a profession. 2. a person engaged in a specified activity, especially a sport or branch of the performing arts, as a main paid occupation rather than as a pastime. The previous definition was taken from Dictionary.com.

A professional is a member of a profession or any person who works in a specified professional activity. The term also describes the standards of education and training that prepare members of the profession with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their specific role within that profession. A profession is a job at which someone works and for which they have had training. Medieval Europe recognized three professions: divinity, medicine, and law. These were called "learned professions". These statements are taken from indeed.com.

I would like to think that we as motorcyclists can be professional in our role as highway users. And being SMART about motorcycling will help us be just like that.

S – This stands for Study. Acting professionally while riding our motorcycle will not come naturally to everyone. Hobbies are often undertaken to expand our lives and broaden our horizons. Reading about the unique characteristics that make any hobby special will also help us grow and become more proficient riders. Subscribe to enthusiast publications and look for motorcycle related posts.

M – This stands for Maturity. And it does not necessarily mean old. Professional riders are mature individuals of any age. They know when to speak up and when to stay quiet. They study the situation before they act upon it. A mature rider knows when additional throttle is the right solution to a traffic situation and when braking or a change of lane is a better choice. Like the tale of the tortoise and the hare, patience and consistency can often prove to

be the path to victory.

A - This stands for Attitude. Riding a motorcycle rarely goes as smoothly as planned. There always will be obstacles to overcome during our ride. Road surface change from use and from weather. Traffic patterns change with the time of day and the growth of the community. Natural hazards change with the seasons. We can choose to react and get angry, or we can be professional and plan to be ready to adjust the ride as necessary.

R - This stands for Respect. I believe you get what you give. Professionals will treat others the same way they want to be treated, and they earn respect for doing so. On the road, other motorists will observe our actions like keeping a proper following distance, signaling our lane and direction changes, and taking turns in traffic. They will see us as an equal and respect that we have the same rights they have to use the highway.

T - This stands for training. A true professional never stops trying to learn. They make every action a training session and review what they did the last time to learn to do it better the next time. They enroll themselves in training opportunities, even if they have taken them in the past, to stay fresh and in touch with the latest information.

*Richard Artmayer
KRR State Educator*





Chapter A Monthly Meet!!

2nd Saturday of the Month Roosters

10430 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY

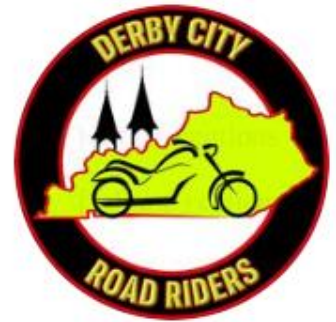
40223 Eat at 11am Meet at Noon.

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

Happy Birthday!



Birthdays:



Ray Taylor September 9th

Kent Risen September 11th

Anniversaries:



Congratulations Alice & Neal on your engagement!!

Chapter A's Next Meeting will be October 12th! No September meeting due to our Annual trip.



Chapter A's Individual of the Year: Chanel Blue

Hello, it's the individual of the year. I want to talk about the blast and how much fun it was. I'm sure several people who joined had great things to say, but I must emphasize the joy that was had by all. The Blast theme this year was a 70's event: Peace, love, and motorcycles and although I wasn't born until 1979, I believe in my past life I was a Hippie!! I think Disco is also cool, because I love to dance.

The first day of the Blast was filled with some great motorcycle games. Although I didn't win any of them, I still had a great time. Friday and Saturday were filled with great rides. On Friday we went on the Rattlesnake ride and stopped by the gift shop. If you've never been to the Rattlesnake gift shop, it's a must! The lady who works in the store is such a sweetheart, she often will take your group's picture to add it onto the store's Facebook page. On Saturday, we went on another ride that took us to Stearns, KY and the Big South Fork Scenic Railway. We rode the train and went down to the Blue Heron Mining camp, where the miners once lived. This area has some great history to it which can be discovered by either completing a scavenger hunt like I did, resulting in me speaking to a ranger, or you could just walk around. Well, since I enjoy talking, I spoke to the young man who works in the gift shop, and he just happened to also be a park ranger. He was very informative. He discussed how the government wanted at one point to build a dam in that area, which would have flooded the entire area and killed off all the amazing wildlife. Luckily the dam was never built, and the area was later deemed a national park. The Ranger continued to explain to me how much he loved this area because it was his hometown. After speaking with him, I had completed the self-tour, almost all of the scavenger hunt, and was lucky enough to have obtained a park ranger badge, provided by the young man, which was pretty neat!

Now, I did learn a valuable lesson for myself after leaving the Blue Heron Mining camp and I want to share it with others so you can learn a lesson also. I am not

used to checking my tires and all of the “important” things we are supposed to do when riding a motorcycle or even driving a vehicle for that matter I just get gas in my bike and go. Well, I noticed, while out on a ride, that my rear tire was bald. Upon discovering this, I was worried about going on rides, thankfully I was lucky to be able to ride on the back of a Chapter K member’s bike. I did enjoy riding on the back and taking pictures, but I also would have loved to be riding on my own bike. However, lesson learned so check all the things on your bike!!!

Now, my next big ride is going to be our Chapter A ride to Canada, and I’m so excited. So, stay tuned.



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>



Congratulations to Chapter A for winning the Traveling Plaque Competition at the 2024 Ky Blast for the 2023/2024 season!! Woot! Woot!



and meet at 7pm!

Chapter G has the traveling plaque to start off the 2024/2025 season. It will be available at their gathering on September 10th, 2024. They meet at the American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42 in Florence. They eat at 6pm (bring your own food)

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

Check out our Webpage: chaptera.org

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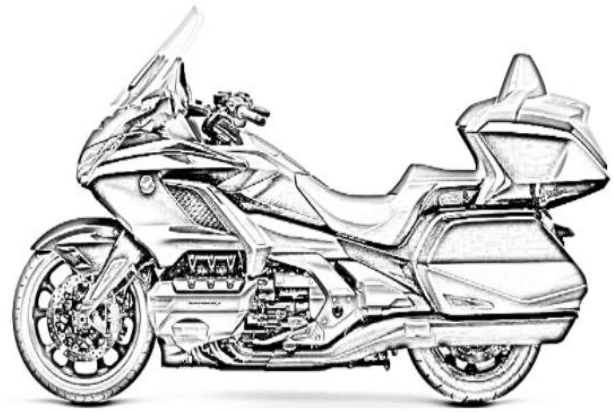
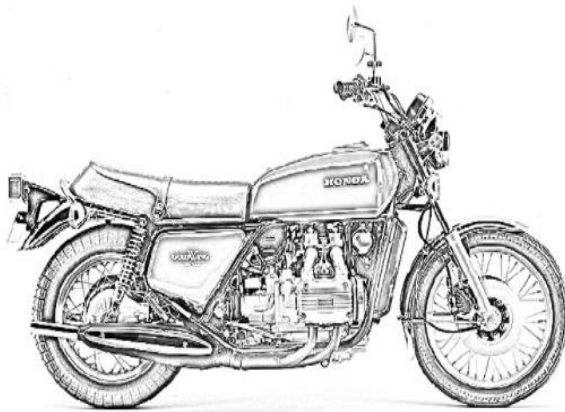
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