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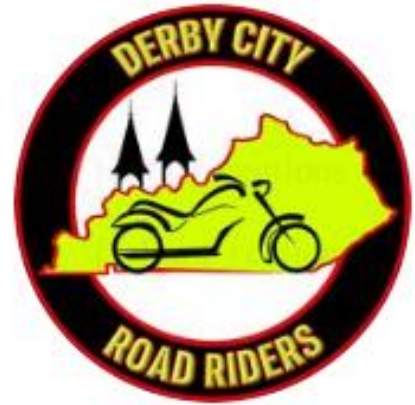
Derby City Road Riders

Louisville, Kentucky

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Individual of the Year: **Chanel Blue**



Director's Track



The time has come when we can ride in comfortable weather with cool mornings and sunny warm afternoons.

The feeling of being out on the bike with cool clean air blowing by is so satisfying. This kind of riding makes you feel like

not stopping even in the evening when darkness is bringing the day to an end.

Even though the weather is fantastic, this is the time of year when the leaves start to fall. The leaves can make the road quite slippery and dangerous causing you to lose control resulting in a serious accident. Please be aware because you may not know road conditions around the next turn or over the top of the next hill.

If you do not plan on riding during the winter months, this may be the time to think about scheduling any service needed to winterize your bike. I plan on riding on good days throughout the winter months if there is no snow, ice or salt on the roads.

I see where we are scheduled for a mild winter, and this means a lot of good riding.

HOPE TO SEE OUT ON THE HIGHWAY SOON.

Ray and Angela Taylor



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

Summer has flown by! As we finish up 2024, it's the perfect time to start planning our rides for next year.

During our October meeting, we explored several exciting potential destinations, including the scenic trails of Brown County, Indiana, the picturesque Kentucky River Rambler, and the breathtaking landscapes of Red River Gorge. Each of these locations offers unique experiences and stunning views that are sure to make our rides memorable.

We're always eager to hear your ideas! If there are specific places you've been dreaming of riding to, please share your suggestions. Let's make 2025 a year filled with adventure and exploration!



Chapter A Membership Enhancement

Miles Justice

Can you believe the summer is essentially over already? As we turn from summer to autumn, the days are getting shorter, and the temps are getting lower. This also means time is running out to complete the Chapter A 2024 Scavenger Hunt Challenge. Entries are due mid-November and the prize of a \$50 gift card will be awarded at the holiday party in December. Two entries have been submitted thus far, but it would be great to see even more competition. The list of items is posted under the “Files” tab on the Facebook Private Page. I can also provide one by email if anyone needs it.

This is also the final month for a new Copycat Challenge. Since Chapter A will not be meeting in December due to the holiday party, the last Roosters Gift Card of the calendar year will be given away at the November meeting.

The November challenge features one of the locations from the State Crossroads Crossword Challenge – the Heigold House. This 19 th century mansion façade located at 1861 Lloyd Street, has endured for more than 175 years. It was designed and built by Christian Heigold, a successful stonecutter who migrated to Louisville from Germany in 1850. The façade now marks the entrance to the Louisville Waterfront Botanical Gardens on River Road.



October Copycat Challenge Winner:

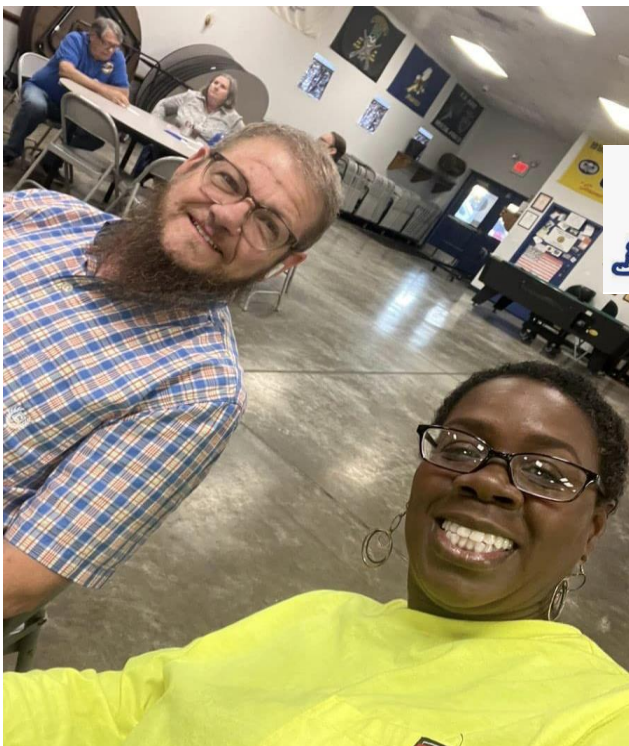
Congratulations to Cindy Simpkins for winning the October copycat Challenge with the Statue of David in front of the 21C Hotel and Museum!



As the year draws to a close, I want to thank everyone for their participation in the challenges this year. The goal is to enhance your experiences with Chapter A, and I hope these activities have helped achieve that. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for how to increase your fun within the Chapter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by email, call, or text. Thanks!

2024 Chapter Visits:

Chapter G visit October 8th



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:

No more official scheduled rides for this year, but we discussed ideas for fall rides at our October meeting. For those who couldn't attend the October Chapter meeting please get your fall ride ideas to our awesome Ride Coordinator Kent Risen asap and he will try to make it happen and thanks for all your great ride ideas!!

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:

Michigan, Niagara Falls, and Canada September 2024

We just want to say what an amazing time Kent and I had on Chapter A's Fall Annual trip this year up to Michigan through Canada to Niagara Falls. Lots of time and planning went into this trip by lots of us but it was so worth it!! What a great trip with great folks and we can't wait to do it all again!!







Kentucky State Events:



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State
Directors



2025 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 25-28th 2025 Wing'D
Rider Rally in South Dakota: Info
& Registration @ wingdrider.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



**August 14-16th Kentucky Blast State Rally @
General Butler State Park**

The theme this year is “Riding, Rocking, and Rolling”. A block of rooms has been reserved at the General Butler State Park lodge. Ask for the “6977 Kentucky Road Riders Block” 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. Reservations must be made by July 13, 2025, to get these special rates. There are also cabins and camping available. ***For more information, please check the Kentucky Road Riders webpage.***



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**

State Educator

State Educator's Report

Practice Makes Perfect is a New York Times Best Seller about a small-town sweetheart and an emotionally unavailable bad boy that try to find some common ground. The setting for this novel is Rome, Kentucky, which is near Owensboro. This book gets a 96% approval rating from Google users. I think some of our members may know of this location and perhaps have even passed through during a ride. If you have yet to discover Rome, perhaps this book will help.

"Practice makes perfect" is also a traditional saying, but it is not grammatically correct or true. It is correct, however, to say "Practice makes one perfect" because it is grammatically correct. But if the "one" is human then this statement is also not true. What I know to be true is that improvement of a skill does not happen without practice. The Oxford Languages offers the definition of practice as a verb, meaning "perform (an activity) or exercise (a skill) repeatedly or regularly in order to improve or maintain one's proficiency."

Motorcycling is a skill that we can and should practice often. Some riders offer the excuse that training classes and opportunities are hard to find and expensive to experience. I do not believe either reason is true. The former GWRRA published a pamphlet *Parking Lot Practice* that was free to any member and listed six different on-bike riding skills with instructions, course diagrams, common failures, and advice on how to correct them. In preparation for this article, I did a quick internet search, and the pamphlet is still out there, free of charge. (I am happy to email it to you if you want a copy.) Finding a place to set up the different exercises is likely the biggest challenge one will face. Church, school, and abandoned mall parking lots are good places to start. Any parking lot that is relatively flat, clear of light poles, concrete curbs, and other obstructions will work. If the parking lots are marked so the spaces are perpendicular to the travel lanes, this is ideal. Small objects can be used to mark the different points for stopping, turning, and boundaries of the exercise course. These objects can be anything handy. When I practice, I use old tennis balls that I have cut in half. These make good markers because they are visible (bright yellow-green), forgiving if run over (rubber shells with fuzzy outer covering), and less slippery than things like paper or cardboard markers, or even the vinyl mini-cones designed especially for motorcycle training. Be sure to bring water with you to stay properly hydrated.

Practicing riding skills can be a workout if your training session lasts very long. And you may not notice an immediate improvement during your time at the parking lot, but the next time you ride to work, or go back to the lot for another session, you may find the skills come a little easier. Remember, Rome was not built in a day, but little by little over an extended period of time. So it goes with riding skills. Practice may not make you perfect, but it will help you get better, and it may help you get back in touch with your mechanical friend, without having to actually travel to Rome.

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.

Chapter A met Saturday October 12th. There were no visitors in attendance even though we had both the mascots available. We discussed what upcoming rides we want to do for the rest of the year. Ray announced that Dean and Lora have stepped down as Chapter A's MEC but will be staying on with the Kentucky State MEC position and that Miles Justice will continue as Chapter A's MEC. Also, Alice Sherpa stepped up to work on our shirt orders. Thanks to everyone for your time, ideas, and hard work at the Chapter and State level. We appreciate you ALL!!



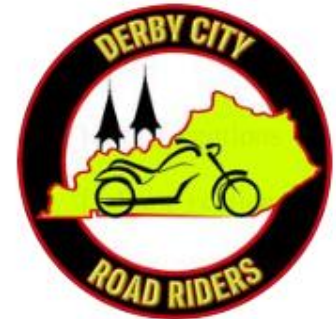
Facebook page: [Derby City Road Riders Louisville Ky](#) and our website: [chaptera.org](#)



1st prize \$16 Brenda Snook



2nd prize \$16 Lora Miller



Marble Game:



The marble game has a whopping \$23 up for grabs. Alice Shropa had the winning ticket to pick the winning marble but unfortunately did not. More \$\$\$\$ up for grabs next month!!

2024 COY&IOY Mascots



The Afterparty:

*After the meeting we
rode to get ice cream!
It was a gorgeous
day!*



Happy Birthday!



Birthdays:

*Ray Taylor September 9th
Kent Risen September 11th*

Anniversaries:



*Kent and Karen Risen October 13th
Ray and Angela Taylor October 17th
Steve and Brenda Snook October 21st*

Chapter A's Next Meeting will be November 9th!



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

So, I'm sure others have written about the amazing trip up north to Niagara Falls, but I am going to write it from my perspective. The perspective as the individual of the year and as a single rider. So, I will first start by saying the trip was phenomenal and I don't have enough "thank you's," to give to the individuals who took time out of their days to put this together. From the magical views to the rides, hotels, food, drinks, and the laughter which just came with the experience.

Outside of seeing the beautiful scenery while riding, I enjoyed looking at people's pictures, because as the rider you can't really take any pictures during the ride, without taking out the person in front of you or some people beside you. As we rode, there were several occasions I would be praying someone captured pictures of specific things. Things that I really wanted to see again or would have taken a picture of myself, if I had been able to, and lucky for me, oftentimes they did. So, either great minds think alike, or they were just randomly taking pictures which is also cool.

As an individual rider we miss a lot of things, because of being preoccupied with focusing on the road, not running into the person in front of you, checking on the person behind you, checking where other vehicles are and predicting their actions, making sure your blinker isn't still on, and skipping songs that are not worthy of the ride. I did see this sign in Ontario which I found to be interesting. The sign stated, "watch out for small vehicles". What was interesting about the sign is that as soon as I saw the sign a huge truck went flying by, passing us while going down a hill. I'm sure they were in a big hurry and "if" they had of seen the sign, they wouldn't have done that.

Something else about being an individual rider. When it's time for a bathroom break, it feels like it takes forever to get inside before the bathroom line forms. Removing helmet, gloves, jacket, turning off your Bluetooth, and finding parking

because parking in front of the door or riding inside of the building its slightly frowned upon.

Another thing as an individual rider, is that you get to purchase as many t-shirts and unnecessary-necessary things on your bike. Now when the trip is over, all of the things purchased along the way, is your responsibility to unload off the bike. I will say that I love all of my unnecessary-necessary items, and after two weeks of being home from the trip, they were finally all brought into the house. It was hard, because of my little hands.

So, as usual, when I made it to the house, I was sad that the trip was over, and even sadder realizing that the weather is going to put a halt in some motorcycle riding, however, I look forward to next riding adventures and hope that more individuals will be able to join.



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 G has the traveling plaque. It will be available at their next meeting on 11/12/2024. They meet at the American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42 in Florence. 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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