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RIDERS**

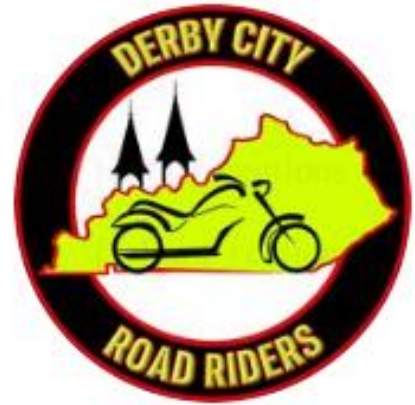
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Louisville, Kentucky

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Director's Track

Ray and Angela Taylor



This winter has not been good for an occasional ride. This seems to get me into a depressed mood.

Yesterday I went into the garage and noticed a couple of puddles of water under my bike. I immediately had concern as to what might be

leaking. After searching for a leak and analyzing the puddles I realized that the puddles were tears that my bike had been sheading because it was sad also. So, I gave the bike a good rubdown and cleaning, and this made it feel much better and there were no more tears. As you may notice, I am transferring some of my sadness onto my trusty steed.

I can't wait for some warm days with all the salt washed off the road.

I guess that the February OPS meeting will make us feel that we are closer to

the riding season with planning our riding and events for the coming season thus, lifting our spirits.

Till then, please be safe and warm.

See you on the road soon.

Ray and Angela Taylor



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

Does the winter weather have you down?
Looking for something to do? How about a
review of your first aid kit?

Over time, items in your first aid kit can expire, degrade, or get used without being replaced. A neglected kit might fail you in an emergency. Regularly reviewing its contents ensures you're prepared to handle anything from minor scrapes to more serious injuries until professional help arrives.

Key Items to Check

1. **Bandages and Dressings**: Ensure adhesive bandages, gauze, and medical tape are still intact and adhesive. Replace anything that's brittle or discolored.
2. **Medications**: Check expiration dates on pain relievers, antihistamines, and antiseptics. Replace any expired items immediately.
3. **Tools**: Confirm the functionality of scissors, tweezers, and gloves. Restock if items are damaged or missing.
4. **Special Needs**: If you or your riding group have specific medical conditions, ensure the kit includes items like EpiPens, insulin, or personal medications.

Additional Considerations

- **Waterproofing**: Use a waterproof container or pouch to protect your kit from rain or spills.
- **Compact Size**: Opt for a kit that's small enough to fit in your motorcycle's storage without compromising on essentials.
- **Training**: Familiarize yourself with using the items in your kit. Knowing how to apply a bandage or use a tourniquet can make all the difference.

Final Thoughts

A first aid kit is more than just a checklist item—it's a lifeline on the road. Set a reminder to review your kit every six months or before any major trip. By staying prepared, you ensure your motorcycle adventures remain thrilling and safe.

Kent Risen



Chapter A Membership Enhancement Miles Justice

Happy New Year Chapter A! I hope everyone's 2025 is off to a great start. It was awesome to be able to start the year with some wind therapy by riding over to Metro Diner to meet most of you for our annual Black Eyed Pea lunch.

Unfortunately, the weather has not been cooperative since then and Smoky has been parked in the garage connected to the battery tender. As we discussed on 1/1, January is double points month for all chapters for visitation, but it appears that there are not many meetings we can attend this month. As I type this on Thursday afternoon ahead of yet another snow storm warning for Friday, I am wondering whether Chapter A will be able to meet on Saturday, the 11th. Of course, the most important thing is that everyone is safe and warm even if we are not able to gather as scheduled. But the meteorologists sometimes get it wrong, so here is hoping the snow is not as voluminous as predicted and that we were all able to make it to Roosters for our regular meeting.

There will not be a Copycat Challenge for the next couple of months – waiting until we can all consistently get out on the bikes and be able to ride. Also, I should be posting the Scavenger Hunt List by early April. It was great having multiple folks participate in 2024 and I hope to entice even more of you to do so in 2025! I am looking forward to getting back on the Spyder and enjoying time in the saddle with all of you. Let's hope for an early spring this year!

2025 Chapter Visits:



Editor's desk Karen Risen



Happy New Year Chapter A! Our first Newsletter of 2025 is off to a good start even though our meetings are not!

January has come in like a Lion dumping a lot of snow on the area, but everyone was still able to get their Newsletter articles to me for January so THANKYOU ALL for that. Hopefully Ol man winter will go back to sleep, and we will get some Spring like riding weather soon!



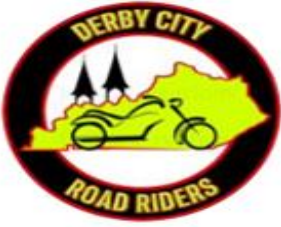
2025 Chapter A Rides & Event Schedule:

Chapter A's 2025 ride planning meeting:



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: January 1, 2025



Kentucky State Events:



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State
Directors



2025 Ky State Events:

Kentucky State Operations meeting

February 8th @ the Burlington, Ky Courthouse. Host hotel information is listed below:

Hampton Inn
755 Petersburg Rd
Hebron, KY 41048
859-689-1960

Room Rate is \$109 per night for King or Double Beds. Please mention KY Road Riders for group rate.



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

Happy New Year everyone. After reviewing and reflecting on what I have learned during the past year, now is when I start to plan for the things I would like to learn in the coming year. I found the results of a survey of women riders and thought it would be good to share.

Women who ride are happier, more confident, and sexier, according to a survey commissioned by Harley Davidson. Now, I am usually skeptical of a survey commissioned by a party with a vested interest in the results, particularly when the survey confirms the results sought by the entity that requested the survey. However, in this case, I believe that we as experienced riders would find the results of the survey to be logical. We all have a thorough understanding of the complexities of riding. Mastering any complex task typically leads to a feeling of confidence and pride in that skill. I think that those of us who frequently take Advanced Rider Courses, and are always striving to improve our riding skills, have an even greater sense of confidence and pride. So, given that feeling of pride and confidence, it seems logical that anyone who learns this skill, and particularly those who continually seek to improve, would have an enhanced overall sense of self-worth, confidence, and pride. How that impacts other aspects of someone's life would vary by the individual, but a general improvement in outlook and well-being is logical.

While this survey looks only at women who ride their own bike, I think there are several aspects of this line of thought that would extend to a co-rider. Most of us have experienced, or at least understand, just how significant an impact an untrained co-rider can have on the safe operation of any motorcycle. Instability at low speeds can become severe if the co-rider is not stable. Cornering at any speed can be made more complex by a co-rider in the wrong position, or by one moving around during cornering. Needless to mention, screaming and pounding on the rider is not helpful, either. The skilled co-rider, on the other hand, is an asset. Not only does their proper riding technique enhance the stability of the bike, a co-rider assisting with

navigation, observation, and communications can reduce the task load of the rider. It seems logical that the confidence and pride of the skilled solo rider could easily extend to the skilled co-rider.

As you look forward to a new year of riding to new places, decide now to make learning to ride better one of the destinations. Register to take a rider or co-rider education course. Knowledge is power. The skills and experience you learn in these controlled situation classes will give you a good base from which you can draw when similar circumstances occur on the street.

Consider also getting involved in the Levels program. This is a great way to show your pride and confidence to others.

*Richard Artmayer
KY State Educator*

Chapter A Monthly Meet!!



2nd Saturday of the Month Roosters
10430 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY
40223 Eat at 11am Meet at Noon.

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



Birthdays:

Miles Justice February 17th

Danny Drane February 25th

Mike Falone February 28th

Anniversaries:





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

Well, here we are in the bright and promising year of 2025! It's that time when countless folks are diving into their New Year's resolutions—whether it's getting fit, eating healthier, saving money, learning a new skill, or perhaps quitting smoking or drinking. Many also aim to reduce stress, read more, travel frequently, or strike a better work-life balance. It's a fresh start filled with ambitious goals!

But here's a fun fact: research suggests it typically takes about 21 to 66 days to form a new habit. Of course, this varies based on factors like the complexity of the activity and your level of consistency and motivation. So, it's no wonder that by mid-year—or even just two months in—many resolutions can fall by the wayside.

To help you stay on track, here are some effective strategies for sticking to your resolutions:

1. **Set Specific Goals:** Make your resolutions clear and measurable.
2. **Break It Down:** Divide your goals into smaller, manageable steps to avoid feeling overwhelmed.
3. **Create a Plan:** Outline how you'll achieve your goals, including timelines and resources.
4. **Track Your Progress:** Use journals or apps to monitor your achievements and stay motivated.
5. **Stay Accountable:** Find a reliable accountability partner to keep you on track.
6. **Adjust as Needed:** Don't hesitate to modify your goals if circumstances change.
7. **Celebrate Small Wins:** Acknowledge your progress with small rewards along the way.
8. **Stay Positive:** Focus on the benefits of achieving your resolutions.
9. **Visualize Success:** Picture yourself successfully reaching your goals.
10. **Stay Persistent:** Remember, setbacks are part of the journey; keep pushing forward!

As for my own New Year's resolution, I'm committed to continuing my journey of being a good person and treating others as I wish to be treated. I believe this is a resolution that many should embrace. Additionally, I plan to socialize with people who have different perspectives. You might be surprised by how much we all have in common when we take the time to connect!

Here's to a fulfilling and transformative year ahead!



Chanel Blue

Get on the Level

Level System

Basically there are four levels:

1. Safety by Commitment
2. Safety by Education
3. Safety by Preparedness
4. Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

Rider Education Levels Program

"THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF RIDER EDUCATION"

Level 1: Safety By Commitment

Rider and Co-Rider requirements:

- The expressed commitment of the Rider or Co-Rider to strive for and practice safe riding.

Level 2: Safety By Education

Rider requirements:

- Have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have a current motorcycle license.
- Have completed an approved on-bike Rider course within the past three years.

Co-Rider requirements:

- Have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years.

Level 3: Safety By Preparedness

Rider requirements:

- Completed a formal approved on-bike Rider Course within the past three years.
- Maintain current First Aid, CPR or MEDIC First Aid certifications.
- Carry a First Aid kit on the motorcycle.

Co-Rider requirements:

- Completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years (a sanctioned PLP is not allowed to be used for this Level).
- Maintain current First Aid or CPR or MEDIC First Aid certifications.

Level 4: Safety By Commitment and Preparedness

Rider requirements:

- Have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid and CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding.
 - *Proper riding apparel, a.k.a.: proper riding "gear" will include, at a minimum, a DOT (FMVSS 218)/Snell (M2010) / ECE 22.05 approved helmet (approved standard applicable to the local area), eye protection, long sleeved jacket/shirt (no "riding pull on/off sleeves"), long legged sturdy pants, full fingered gloves and over the ankle footwear. Some have coined the acronym ATGATT standing for All the Gear, All the Time.*

Co-Rider requirements:

- Have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid and CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding (see definition in the Rider section above).

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Area Chapter Meetings in the Bluegrass State:



Chapter A—Louisville

Meets the 2nd Saturday
Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7
Louisville, KY 40065
Eat at 11:00 am—Meet at 12:00pm



Chapter C—Lexington

Meets the 3rd Saturday
Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd.
Lexington, KY 40509
Eat at 11:00am—Meet at 12:00pm



Chapter G — Northern KY

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



Chapter K—Henderson

Meets 1st Saturday
Echo Lanes
1698 Second St.
Henderson, KY 42420
Meet at 11:30am (CT)— Eat at 12:00pm (CT)



Chapter S — Elizabethtown

Meets 1st or 2nd Sunday ([check State Calendar](#))
Shoney's
1046 Executive Dr.
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
Eat at 4:00pm—Meet at 5:00pm



Chapter T — Paintsville

Meets 3rd Saturday
Giovanni's Pizza
261 Court St.,
Paintsville, KY
Eat at 5:00pm—Meet at 6:00pm



Chapter Y—Mayfield

Meets 1st Thursday
Majestic Family Restaurant
700 S 6th St
Mayfield, KY 42066
Eat at 6:00pm—Meet 7:00 (CT)

Traveling Plaque

Chapter G has the traveling plaque. It will be available at their next meeting on 1/14/2025. They meet at the American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42 in Florence. They eat at 6pm (please bring your own food) and meet at 7pm.



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

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