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Derby City Road Riders

Louisville, Kentucky

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Chapter A February 2025

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Individual of the Year: **Cindy Simpkins**



Director's Track

Ray and Angela Taylor



Our Kentucky Road Riders 2025 OPS meeting is now over. The 2025 Super Bowl is now over. Now all we must think about is the coming season of riding with the spring air rushing past our helmets.

As I sit here and listen to the weather reports and having to think of the report of two snowstorms predicted to hit our area, I sort of have a little let down feeling, but I then think of the coming pleasure of getting out on the road and that brings me right back up.

It also reminds me of how invigorating that first ride will be. We already have several rides marked on the calendar and I hope that it will not be a cold and wet Spring. I had kind of gotten used to the

mild winters and some good riding weather, but this winter was not so forgiving.

By the end of March, I will have had two Carpal Tunnel operations and look forward to not having to ride with numb hands.

This year despite everything, I am excited and can't wait to get out on the road with all my riding family. Hope to see you out on the road soon, Ride safe.

Ray and Angela Taylor



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

For motorcycle enthusiasts, the open road is full of adventure, but also unpredictable risks. A motorcycle dash camera is more than just a gadget; it's a smart investment for safety, security, and peace of mind.

The Benefits of a Motorcycle Dash Cam

Accident Evidence & Legal Protection

Motorcyclists are more vulnerable on the road, and in the event of an accident, having video evidence can be crucial. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motorcycles are involved in fatal crashes at a rate 28 times higher than passenger cars per mile traveled (NHTSA, 2021). Dashcam footage can provide clear evidence for insurance claims and legal disputes, ensuring riders are not falsely blamed.

Security & Theft Prevention

Motorcycle theft remains a major concern, with over 46,000 motorcycles stolen in the U.S. in 2022, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) (NICB, 2023). Many dash cams feature motion detection and parking mode, capturing footage even when the bike is unattended. This helps deter theft and provides critical evidence in case of an incident.

Recording Your Rides

For riders who enjoy documenting their journeys, dash cams offer a great way to relive and share scenic rides. High-resolution cameras capture impressive footage, perfect for sharing with fellow riders or on social media. Some models even include GPS tracking, allowing riders to overlay route data on their videos.

Improving Riding Habits

Reviewing recorded footage can help riders analyze their riding style, spot mistakes, and improve road awareness. Studies have shown that video analysis can enhance driver safety by helping individuals recognize and correct risky behaviors (AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, 2020).

Choosing the Right Dash Cam

When selecting a motorcycle dash cam, consider:

- **Video Quality** – Opt for at least 1080p HD or 4K for clear footage.
- **Weather Resistance** – Ensure its waterproof and durable for all conditions.
- **Loop Recording** – Allows continuous recording by overwriting old footage.
- **Dual Camera Setup** – Front and rear cameras provide full coverage.
- **GPS and Wi-Fi Connectivity** – Helps track routes and easily transfer footage.

Final Thoughts

A motorcycle dash camera is a small investment that offers significant benefits, from accident protection to theft prevention and recording unforgettable rides. Whether you're a daily commuter or a weekend road warrior, a dash cam adds an extra layer of safety and enjoyment to your journey.



Chapter A Membership Enhancement

Miles Justice



2025 Chapter Visits:

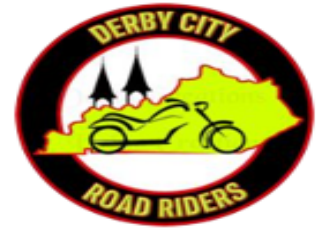
February 2nd 2025 Chapter S visit



Editor's desk Karen Risen

The Newsletter is here to keep the members of Chapter A informed. Thanks for all the great articles submitted each month and keep them coming!!

2025 Chapter A Rides & Event Schedule:



April 5th Zims Café in Lexington, Ky
Lunch ride to Zim's Café



May 3rd Bard's Burgers & Chili in Covington, Ky
Lunch ride to Bard's Burgers & Chili

May 24th-26th Memorial Day Weekend (Overnight)



Parke County Covered Bridge Ride

Overnight ride to visit several covered bridges in Parke County Indiana

Hotel: Candlewood Suites Terre Haute 721 Wabash Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47807

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:



Kentucky State Events:



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Kentucky State
Directors



2025 Ky State Events:

June 6th & 7th 2025 Kentucky Ride-In



The 2025 Ride In will be hosted by Chapter Y in Mayfield. It will be held on June 6th and 7th at the Lakeland Event Center, 4900 US-62, Calvert City, KY 42029.

Make your camping reservations for Kentucky Dam Village on-line through Reserve America or call 502-348-3500.

The Host Hotel is the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park: 113 Administration Dr., Gilbertsville, KY 422044. The block rate is \$107.96 per night + tax. Please mention Kentucky Road Riders 5302, to secure the block rate. The block closes on April 30, 2025.

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

I hope everyone is doing well so far this year. Each new year brings change, and this year is no exception. By the time this article is published, the next President will be sworn into office, very likely bringing change to government. A new season of your favorite show is just around the corner, with changes in character development and plot lines. Professional sports teams that have been eliminated from post-season schedules are busy changing coaching staff. This list could go on and on.

I am not trying to suggest that change is good or bad, rather, it is something we have that will not go away, and so it is something for which we should plan. For example, the powers that be at Microsoft have decided that the Windows 10 operating system is too old to continue to be supported, and because the computer hardware I own is not capable of supporting the new Windows 11, I have had to make a change in my life. Setting up a new computer always brings with it unique challenges for each situation. But proper planning, like checking on-line tutorials and asking questions of people who know, can make the change far less dramatic because you can learn from others' experiences and the choices they made in similar circumstances. In my case, I have a brother that before he retired was the head of his computer department in a major oil company. Based on my needs he knew exactly what hardware I should purchase. One of my children services the application software for large machine tools used by very large companies that make things. He knew exactly how to adapt my old applications into my new machine.

Our hobby of motorcycling reminds me of this "new computer" process. At the end of each year, we have our bikes serviced by someone we trust and then wait until the new riding season comes around. Hopefully the technician looked over the complete motorcycle and looked for changes - worn or damaged items

beyond just regular service. And hopefully if anything was found, the parts are ordered, and the appointment is scheduled to get everything right before it is time to ride again. So, now the hardware is covered, but what about the application software? No, not on the motorcycle (many of us still have machines too old for that to be an issue). I am talking about our minds and our bodies. The bike is the tool; we apply technique to make it work. Do we have all our “files” in order for the coming year of riding? Are we ready for any new challenges we might face? I work to keep my “applications” up to date with annual visits to my various doctors, and I try to do cardio and strength training all year long. As a necessity to write these articles, I make time to check various motorcycling websites that offer advice on riding techniques. I continue to expose myself to information about motorcycling that may be useful. And I am sure to take an on-bike class at least once every three years to have someone else confirm my skills have not deteriorated without my realizing it.

Every computer, cellular phone, GPS, etc., needs constant updates to their application software. These updates are more than just a way to get aggravated because you cannot use the device during the update process. These updates are needed to keep the device current with the latest information and ready to work regardless of the tasks you need them to perform. Many updates are automatic, but some applications do not let us know they need to be updated until we use them. When was the last time you started your own “rider app”? Does it need an update?

*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](#)

Chapter A met Saturday February 1st at Mark's Feed Store in Fern Creek. Our meeting date and time was moved around due to the Kentucky Ops meeting being the day of our February meeting and our January meeting being cancelled due to winter weather. So far, the year has been anything but typical for Chapter A. We had visitors from Chapter G at our meeting and a new couple in attendance that were members of GWRRA previously so we know they will fit right in!!





50/50 Winners: *Dean(\$15) and Lora(\$10) Miller*



Marble Game Winner:

Donita Nardi from Chapter G

No winning marble was drawn!



Happy Birthday!



Birthdays:

Miles Justice February 17th

Danny Drane February 25th

Mike Falone February 28th

Anniversaries:





Chapter A's 2024 Individual of the Year: Chanel Blue

As my year as Chapter A's Individual of the Year (IOY) draws to a close, I want to express my sincere gratitude for this incredible experience. While my official term is ending, my enthusiasm and involvement with the chapter certainly aren't! I've truly cherished the opportunity to connect with members from other chapters and collaborate on various initiatives.

Our recent ops meeting, culminating in a fantastic Mexican fiesta and a challenging (and, in my opinion, one of the best!) escape room experiences, was a perfect example of the camaraderie and fun we share. During the COY/IOY meeting, a particularly insightful question arose: What are the true benefits of membership? Reflecting on my own experience, I realized just how much Winged Riders has enriched my life.

For me, it boils down to several key things. First and foremost, it's the sense of belonging. I've shared before how, after the loss of my husband, I was on the verge of giving up motorcycling altogether. It was the warm welcome I received at my first Chapter A gathering that reignited my passion. The camaraderie, the shared love of riding, the laughter, and the diverse perspectives are invaluable. We may disagree on the "shade of blue" something is, but those different viewpoints enhance our conversations and connections.

Beyond the social aspect, there's the strength in numbers. Riding with a group is undeniably safer than riding alone. And having a network of fellow riders means you always have the potential for a riding buddy.

As IOY, I had the privilege of traveling to events and meeting people I wouldn't have otherwise encountered, thanks in part to the "traveling mascot" initiative.

Another huge benefit? I don't have to plan the routes! Anyone who knows me

knows my struggles with directions. The time and effort our ride captain/coordinator put into planning day trips, weekend getaways, and even week-long adventures is truly appreciated. I'm incredibly grateful for the amazing rides I've been on, all thanks to their dedication. It's a huge relief to just show up and enjoy the ride.

Finally, the chapter's commitment to safety is commendable. From CPR courses to regular safety briefings, the focus on rider well-being is evident. These reminders and refreshers are invaluable, even for experienced riders.

So, if you ever question the value of membership, consider these points. There are likely even more benefits I've overlooked, but these are the ones that resonate most strongly with me. I'm looking forward to hitting the road with all of you once this cold weather breaks, and Zeke will be riding with me!



Congratulations to Chapter A's new Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year!



Couple of the Year:

Alice and Neal Scifres



Individual of the Year:

Cindy Simpkins

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the new Couples and Individuals of the Year for 2025 that were announced at the Kentucky Ops meeting!

Couples of the Year

Chapter A	Neal and Alice Scifres
Chapter C	Tim and Jayne Ellen Mourning
Chapter G	Jerry and Luanne Williams
Chapter K	Tony and Debi Cagle
Chapter S	Steve and Debi Pugh
Chapter Y	Dan and Rita Bondurant

Individuals of the Year

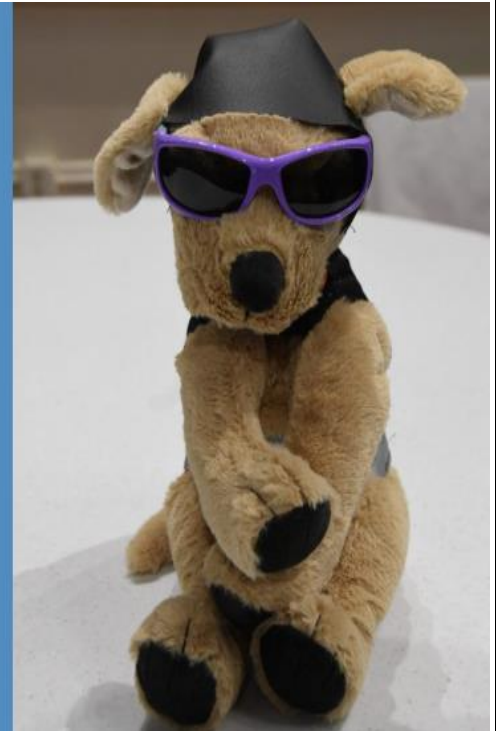
Chapter A	Cindy Simpkins
Chapter C	Jim Springate
Chapter G	Gary Heil
Chapter Y	Mae Cope

2025 New Mascots in play:



The 2024 Couple of the Year, Jim and Kay Bryan, introduced the 2025 Couple of the Year Mascot, Bernie, at the OPS meeting. Bernie is currently with Dan and Rita Bondurant of Chapter Y. Please check back later to see when Bernie will be available.

The 2024 Individual of the Year, Ron Harper, introduced the 2025 Individual of the Year Mascot, Scruffy, at the OPS meeting. Scruffy is currently with Cindy Simpkins of Chapter A. Scruffy will be available at the Chapter K meeting on 3/1/25. They meet at Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 Second St, Henderson, Ky. They meet at 11:30 and eat at 12:00 Central Time.



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 3/11/2025. 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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