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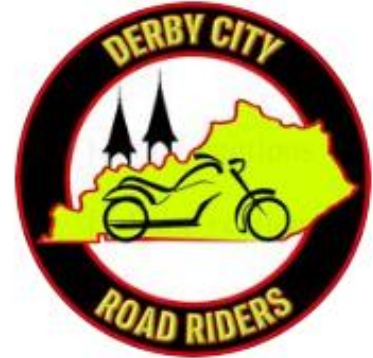
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Louisville, Kentucky

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Director's Track



Wouldn't you know it, just when warm weather is arriving as far as Riding, I will be out of commission for the next month and a half. With two hand surgeries it is going to be impossible to ride until the end of April. Although this is very disappointing for me, I guess that

I should be thankful that this didn't come about during the middle of prime riding season. With Dean having an operation on his knee, I guess that he and I will have to carpool it for a while.

Our chapter is very strong and active and will survive a couple of setbacks. After learning about all the activities for both the Ride In and the Blast, I am sure looking forward to those events. As I understand, these events should please all riders.

Hope that everyone can get in some good riding during the next few weeks. This last winter was terrible as far as riding. I guess that we have been spoiled by the mild weather that we have had during the last two or three years.

I guess that a few four wheeled rides won't hurt knowing that the motorcycle riding won't be far off.

Please ride safely and remember that grass mowing season is right around the corner.

See you on the road soon.

Ray and Angela Taylor



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

Unlike terms like “Turbo”, “Xtreme”, or “Smart”, which often referred to relatively simple changes or marketing spins, AI is tied to real, transformative technological advancements. The idea of machines mimicking human intelligence,

whether through learning, decision-making, or pattern recognition has tangible and far-reaching implications.

Although AI isn't flawless and requires some oversight, it can be an excellent tool for planning motorcycle routes. ChatGPT is just one of the many popular AI tools available, let's explore how it can assist in this process and why not ask it to explain its use!

Using ChatGPT to Plan the Ultimate Motorcycle Route

For motorcycle enthusiasts, the thrill of the open road is only matched by the excitement of planning the perfect route. Whether you're looking for winding mountain roads, scenic coastal highways, or off-the-beaten-path adventures, ChatGPT can be a valuable tool in crafting your ideal ride.

Why Use ChatGPT for Route Planning?

ChatGPT offers several advantages for motorcycle riders:

Custom-Tailored Routes: Instead of relying on generic travel guides, you can ask for routes that match your riding style—be it twisty backroads, scenic byways, or long highway stretches.

Quick Trip Itineraries: ChatGPT can generate a detailed itinerary with suggested stops, fuel stations, and points of interest.

Local Insights: By integrating real-time web search (if enabled), ChatGPT can help find the latest road conditions, weather updates, and rider-friendly accommodations.

How to Use ChatGPT for Motorcycle Route Planning:

Define Your Destination and Preferences

Ask something like:

“What are the best motorcycle routes from Los Angeles to San Francisco with scenic views?”

Specify preferences like twisty roads, minimal traffic, or scenic landscapes.

Find the Best Roads

ChatGPT can suggest famous motorcycle routes like:

Tail of the Dragon (US 129, Tennessee/North Carolina)
Pacific Coast Highway (California)
Blue Ridge Parkway (Virginia/North Carolina)

You can also request lesser-known but thrilling roads in a specific region.

Incorporate Fuel and Food Stops:

Ask: “Where are the best places to stop for gas and food along Route 66?”
Get recommendations for biker-friendly diners, coffee stops, and scenic rest areas.

Check for Real-Time Information

While ChatGPT itself doesn’t pull live data, you can combine it with web search tools to check road closures, weather updates, and traffic conditions.

Plan for Safety and Comfort

Request gear checklists, emergency contacts, and tips for long-distance riding.
Ask for local motorcycle laws if you’re riding in a new state or country.

Final Thoughts

ChatGPT is a powerful companion for motorcycle trip planning. While it won’t replace GPS navigation, it can help create a well-thought-out, enjoyable ride tailored to your preferences. Pair it with a GPS app like Google Maps or REVER for real-time navigation, and you’ll be ready for an unforgettable journey on two wheels.

Ready to hit the road? Let ChatGPT help map out your next adventure!

Kent Risen
Ride Coordinator



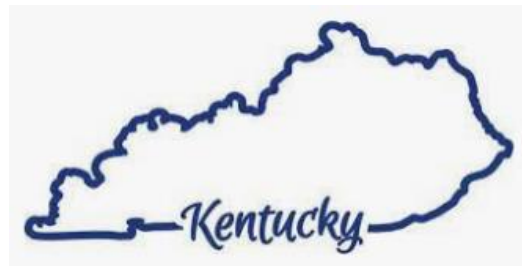
Chapter A Membership Enhancement

Miles Justice

Happy (almost) Spring, Chapter A! Full on riding season is just around the corner. I have planned a new riding challenge for this year. While the Scavenger Hunt has been fairly well received, I am hoping this new challenge will appeal to more members and get even more of you

involved. Unfortunately, moving has occupied most of my time during the past month, so the challenge is still in development. However, I plan to unveil it as well as the first Copycat Challenge of the year at the April Chapter meeting. Of course, they will also be included in next month's Newsletter. Until then, get those bikes ready to roll in anticipation of an awesome riding season with your Chapter A family!

2025 Chapter Visits:

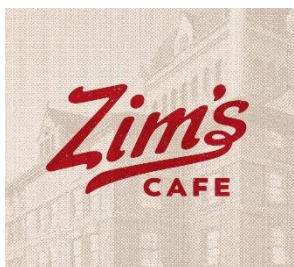




Editor's desk Karen Risen

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)



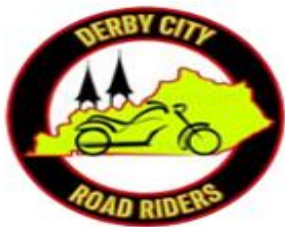
Parke County Covered Bridge Ride

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:



**Rick and Leah
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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

As I am writing this March Newsletter article, I am watching yet another snowfall but thinking forward to Wing'D Rider Rally #3. I know that now is the time to start planning for the week-long tour that will be my big adventure this year. South Dakota is an interesting part of the country, where the weather can provide constant change, the elevation can vary from 3,000 to over 8,000 feet and require a rider to bring additional gear to have a comfortable and safe experience. Additional gear means additional weight and requires additional packing strategies. This month, let us call it part 1, I will present the realities of packing for a long trip on a motorcycle. For this article I am going to provide specifics for the machine I know best, my 2004 Honda Gold Wing, but other, maybe most, motorcycles are going to be extremely similar relative to the challenges involved.

The first thing to do, if you have not done it recently, or have never done it, is to read your owner's manual. There is a plethora of information about your specific motorcycle for that exact production year to be found between the covers of the manual, and I suggest you focus on the sections describing loading your motorcycle and adding accessories, as these subjects have a significant effect on performance and handling. And they all relate to the safety of you and your passenger.

In my manual, information on accessories and modifications begins on page 4, indicating the importance of these topics. The third point written in this section of the manual is "Do not pull a trailer or sidecar with your motorcycle. This motorcycle was not designed for these attachments, and their use can seriously impair your motorcycle's handling." Immediately following point three is point four, which is "Carefully consider the weight of any accessories and any cargo stored in those accessories to avoid exceeding the maximum weight limits...see Load Limits, page 44."

When I turn to page 44, I see a listing for the maximum weight and the distribution of that weight for this 2004 Gold Wing. The listed maximum weight of the rider, passenger, and all cargo and accessories is 417 pounds. Of these 417 pounds, the manual further defines that a maximum of 71 pounds can be loaded onto the motorcycle in the form of cargo, distributed as listed in the chart on page 44. This means that if I maximize the amount of cargo the bike is designed to carry (71 pounds) then what is left is the total amount of weight for the rider, passenger, and any

accessories (like GPS, helmets, gloves, boots, jackets, Kindle, air deflectors, belly pans, etc.), which is 346 pounds. I just got dressed in all my gear that I would normally wear for a long ride on a 65-degree (Fahrenheit) day. I tipped the scale at 166 pounds, ready to ride (which in my case means 16 pounds of gear), leaving 180 pounds for my passenger, air deflectors, GPS, etc.

As a reference, I just took a two-week business trip to Germany. The weather was remarkably similar to the weather in Northern Kentucky, without the extreme highs or lows. I packed very efficiently and carried a total of 65 pounds of clothing and gear for the two weeks. I mention this because this trip was just me, and just with work clothes, toiletry items, and a laptop. No specialized protective gear. If there were two of me, like there might be on our trip to Wing'D Rider Rally #3, I am sure I would have to double that amount. As you can see from the numbers above, this would not work, and choices would have to be made. Next month we will cover the specifics of practical solutions to keep you comfortable and safe on a long ride.

*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**](#)



50/50 Winners:
\$10 Ray Taylor



Marble Game Winner:



\$10 Mark St John

Happy Birthday!



Birthdays:

Don Price March 23rd

Anniversaries:





Chapter A's 2024 Individual of the Year: **Cindy Simpkins**

Happy March! Spring is just around the corner. It's so close I can almost smell the flowers and feel the allergies kicking in. Soon riding season will be upon us. I can't wait to see what adventures we will get into this year.

It's hard to believe just a couple of years ago I would never have imagined myself on a motorcycle, and here I am. Chapter A has helped me grow and become a more skilled rider and helped me overcome some of my fears. I still have goals I need to work toward this year, but I am sure with the family I have found in Chapter A I will keep getting closer to my goals.

I would like to thank the chapter for giving me the honor of being this year's Individual of the Year. I received custody of the new IOY mascot "Scruffy" at the Ops meeting in February. He came along to chapter K with me and will be at the Chapter A meeting on 03/08. Hopefully Scruffy will get to accompany me on some of this year's adventures and keep Zeke company.

Here's to hoping the snow season has ended, and backroads and ice cream season is almost here!



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 C has the Traveling Plaque. It will be available at their gathering on 3/15/25. They are meeting at Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd, Lexington, Ky. They eat at 11am and meet at noon



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

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