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## **Derby City Road Riders**

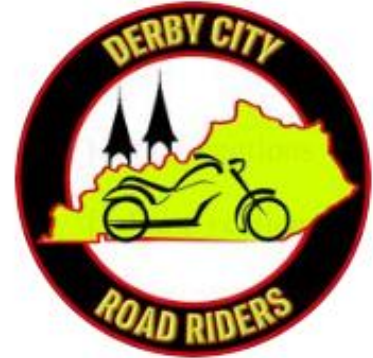
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**April 2025**

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### **Director's Track**



**The riding season is now upon us, and we are all anxious to get out on the bikes.**

**This has unfortunately been my healing season, but I should be good for the end of April. It sure has been a lot less**

**enjoyable going to gatherings on four wheels. The action is still there but not the feeling.**

**Even though my bike has some ailments, it also will be ready by the end of April. The only interruptions to my riding will be grass mowing and I have a lot of grass to keep up with. As I mow, I am also very aware and make sure that I do not blow any grass onto the roads. It still amazes me that some people are not aware that it is illegal to blow**

**grass onto the highway. Every year there are many bikes that go down because of grass on the road. Please be aware of this especially on back roads. When you come around a bend and notice it, it may be too late.**

**Oh well by mid-summer we will have forgotten these less exciting times and will be out there with big smiles on our faces. I really am excited about our chapter rides along with the Ride In and Kentucky Blast. I am sure that this will be a summer of memories.**

**Looking forward to seeing all of you out on the Road and remember to ride safely!**

**Ray and Angela Taylor**



## **Ride Coordinator**     **Kent Risen**

### **Spring Is Here—Time to Ride!**

Even though the weather hasn't quite caught up to the calendar, we've officially made it through another winter—and riding season is finally here!

I kicked things off today with a visit to our favorite Goldwing guru, Mike, for an oil change and coolant flush. Before heading out, I did the usual pre-ride checklist; tires, brakes, lights... all in good shape. After leaving Mike's shop, the bike was ready to roll, it was then that I noticed the auxiliary audio wasn't working. No GPS announcements, no MP3 tunes. Strange.

I knew my headset was working since I was able to hear the radio, but I couldn't figure out why the auxiliary sound was missing. While I stopped for gas, I decided to check the rear system and sure enough, the audio was working there. That's when it clicked: I had muted the front audio at some point, likely to keep it from interrupting the rear entertainment system. If this had happened mid-season, I would've caught it instantly. But after some time off the bike, it took a minute to remember.

The takeaway? Pre-ride inspections are important, but so is re-familiarizing yourself with your bike and its features after a break.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun riding season!

**Kent Risen**  
**Ride Coordinator**

## Chapter A Membership Enhancement Miles Justice

Riding Season is finally here – the days are longer, warmer and hopefully about to be drier as well! As promised, here are details for the newest riding challenge – 2025 Kentucky Road Riders (KRR) Bingo. This is a state-wide challenge, the winner of which will be announced at the Blast in August. Thanks to assistance from my co-MEPCs – Dean and Lora Miller – as well as input from Donita Nardi, we hope there is something for everyone in this challenge.

K	R	R		B	I	N	G	O
Fire Truck	State Park	Welcome sign (town)	Train	Pond	Fountain	Museum	Municipal Airport	Nature Preserve
Library	Hot Rod	Tattoo Parlor	Silo	Mom & Pop Ice Cream	Bakery	Tobacco Field	Hospital	Marina
Mural	Ferry	Cannon	Play ground	Big Rock Face/Cliff	Covered Bridge	Court House	Coffee Shop	Red Barn
Truck Stop	Dollar General	Old Gas Pump	Bingo Hall	General Store	Chicken Coop	Bowling Alley	Motor-cycle Shop	Toy Store
Giant Cow or Bull	Police Station	Distillery	Food Truck	Rest Area	Mom & Pop Florist	Flea Market	Veteran's Memorial	Mom & Pop Motel
Bus	Barn Quilt	River	Buc-ee's	Animal Hospital	Old Jail House	Outdoor Clock	Monument/ Statue	Horses (6 or more)
Corn Field	Post Office	Ball Field	Car Wash	Drive- In Theater	Mom & Pop Hrdwre Store	Log Cabin	Farmer's Market	Mom & Pop BBQ
Mom & Pop Diner	Public Pool	Historical Marker	Waterfall	Car Dealer-ship	Antique Shop	Funeral Parlor	Mini Golf	Giant Chicken/ Rooster
Camp-ground	Lake	JunkYard	Mom & Pop Pizza	Large American Flag	Race Track	Water Tower	Amish Horse/ Buggy	Goodwill

Welcome to the state-wide Kentucky Road Riders Bingo Challenge! It is simple to play and hopefully includes something for everyone. Just pick your favorite row of 9 items (vertical, horizontal or diagonal), find each item/location, and snap a picture with your thumb up in front of each. Once you have collected all 9 pics, email those to [mepc@kyroadriders.org](mailto:mepc@kyroadriders.org). The Challenge will run until August 10<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be randomly selected from all completed entries received by that date and will be announced at the Blast at General Butler State Park August 14-16. \*In case anyone is interested special recognition will be given to anyone who chooses to do a cover-all :-)



# The Copycat Challenge is back!!

This information will also be published in the State Newsletter for April. Additionally, a link will be added to the "Files" section on the Derby City Road Riders Facebook page.

Also, in honor of Derby, here is the May Copycat Challenge Pic:



Horse Statute located at 3200 Westport Green Place

Happy riding and Happy Derby!

## 2025 Chapter Visits:

Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter S visit

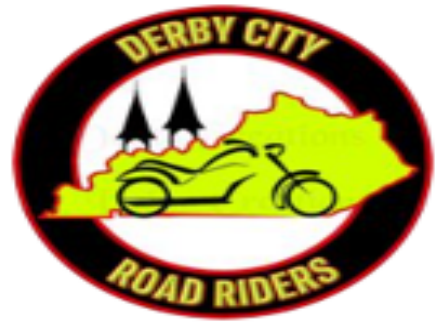


**Editor's desk**    **Karen Risen**

**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:



**May 3<sup>rd</sup> Bard's Burgers & Chili** in Covington, Ky  
Lunch ride to Bard's Burgers & Chili

### **May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Weekend (Overnight)**



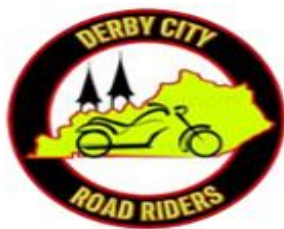
**Parke County Covered Bridge Ride**

**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](http://chaptera.org)



## Chapter A past rides:

Our first official ride of the season was cancelled due to stormy weather that dumped lots of rain on Kentucky and caused widespread flooding throughout the state!



Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 9:45 AM – 4:30 PM

**CANCELED - Zim's Cafe**

10430 Shelbyville Rd #7 Louisville KY 40223



## Kentucky State Events:



**Rick and Leah  
Cridlin**

Kentucky State  
Directors



## 2025 Ky State Events:

### June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://kyroadriders.org)**



**June 25-28th 2025 Wing'D  
Rider Rally in South Dakota: Info  
& Registration @ [wingdrider.com](http://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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> is \$139.95 per night and the rate for August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 sat down to write this, I had just ridden home in high wind. This is a good example of a training opportunity that can offer valuable experience before heading West to the Rally this year. But more on that subject at another time.*

*Last month I broached the subject of packing your gear and properly loading your motorcycle. Especially for longer trips, the weight of the required gear can be more than your motorcycle gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) allows. As promised, here is part 2; ways to carry the “stuff” you need or want to take with you and staying safe while doing so.*

*The first option is to purchase what you need when you need it and then dispose of it when you are finished using it. While I admit this is not very cost-effective nor environmentally friendly, the one credit card that you use to purchase everything will not overload your motorcycle. This method does have the drawback that you must find or plan the locations of all your purchases and take the time to make them. And there is also the chance that your size is not in stock.*

*A second and less expensive option is to organize your clothing and other equipment into convenient packages and ship it to your destination(s). Having a freight service deliver the items you need to use while at your destination will also not overwhelm your motorcycle's GVWR. This method tends to be more reliable than the “buy it now” option above but can be somewhat of a burden to your wallet and has the drawback that you will also need to find a way to ship the items (if they are not disposable) back home.*

*The third option, and the one I have almost always chosen, is to use what the former GWRRA described as “alternative loading” of the items you need or want to take with you while touring. The most common form of alternative loading is using a trailer. The*

*advantage of a trailer is the weight that adds to your motorcycle's GVWR is only the weight of the load measured where the trailer connects to your tow vehicle, called tongue weight. To illustrate this, let me use my circumstance as an example. I have a Bushtec Turbo+2 which weighs about 125 pounds empty. Industry standard for trailer tongue weight is about 10% to 15% of the gross weight of the trailer and its contents. When I pull my empty trailer, the weight on the motorcycle at the connection point of the trailer hitch (the ball or pin) should be between 12 and 19 pounds. As discussed last month, this is well within the capacity of my 2004 Gold Wing, especially if the trunk and saddle bags remain empty. The GVWR of my Bushtec is 350 pounds, which means I can add to the trailer up to 225 pounds of "stuff" before I overload the trailer. When fully loaded, the tongue weight should be between 35 and 53 pounds. Again, this load is still within the capacity of my bike under the same circumstances. Of course, this option, like the others, also has drawbacks.*

*The first drawback is that the trailer, hitch, and supporting harnesses and gear must be purchased and installed on your towing vehicle. While this cost can be substantial in the short term, when properly maintained trailers can last the life of your bike, and often longer, depending on frequency of use. Second, shifting cargo can change the balance of everything and cause unsafe and uncomfortable experiences. Third, while we are using the trailer as an alternative way for the motorcycle to carry the load, our bikes still must start, stop, and steer the complete rig on the road. In my case, at its maximum, an additional 350 pounds is now being controlled by the same brakes that were installed on my motorcycle which were not designed to manage this much mass. And finally, all this weight is at the end of a lever (the tongue of the trailer) that now has a mechanical advantage to force the rear wheel of your motorcycle in the direction of the trailer's momentum if it chooses.*

*Next month we will consider ways to mitigate the drawbacks of pulling a trailer.*



# *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 April 12<sup>th</sup>, and we had some great friends from Chapter C come to visit. A few of us went on a nice ride after the meeting to Sammy's Bakery in Eminence, KY.*





## **50/50 Winners:**



**Marble Game Winner:** *Karen Fields from Chapter C had the winning ticket but did not draw the winning marble. \$75+ dollars up for grabs next month!!*





## *The After party!!!*



Happy Birthday!



***Birthdays:***

***Connie Falone April 15th***

***Anniversaries:***







## Dean's: “Did You Know?”

Did you know...

The motorcycle was first referred to as a 'Petrol Bicycle'? In 1894 the German company Hildebrand & Wolfmuller became the first to commercially manufacture the two-wheeler. They called it 'motorrad' (in German), which directly translates to motorcycle.



The longest ever backwards motorcycle ride was set on November 10, 2020 in India at almost 5 hours long. Havildar Pradeep rode 204.4 km in 4 hours 47 minutes, facing the other way as his motorcycle roared forwards. Please do not try this at home.



The world's most expensive bike ever sold was actually manufactured by a company that designs high-end fashion. In 2012 the Neiman Marcus Limited edition Fighter was auctioned for a whopping \$11 million



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (<a href="#">check State Calendar</a>)  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 4/19/2025. 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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