



Derby City Road Riders

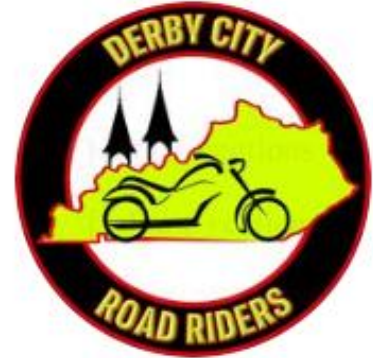
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Director's Track



Finally, my Motorcycle riding drought is over. Due to the weather, 2 surgeries and other health issues, I have not ridden since last fall.

Last Saturday I was finally able to ride the bike to our monthly May Chapter

A meeting. That was a relatively short ride, but it sure made me realize how much I had missed riding. Our Covered Bridge ride is coming up soon and it will be a good test of my riding ability on long haul rides. I can't wait! It will be great to be with all our riding friends.

As we continue to increase our riding time, it is also time to review and evaluate all our safety requirements and equipment. A special review should be our helmets. We forget that there is expiration dates listed

inside the helmet. That choice is up to you, if your helmet has been in an accident or dropped on a hard surface, you should replace it. The condition of your helmet could make the difference between life and death.

Another important area that should be protected is your ankles. If you go down on the bike, it will be a very good chance that you will hit your ankles. To protect that area, you should always wear high-top shoes. Low top shoes have no protection for your ankles. When getting your bike out in the spring, a thorough inspection should be the primary consideration. Having a problem, especially on a long trip, can be very frustrating and expensive.

Good luck with all your preparations and may you put on many miles of happiness this riding season.

Hope to see all of you out enjoying riding on the road soon.

Ray and Angela Taylor



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

Riding your motorcycle after a storm can be tempting, the air is fresh, the roads are quiet, and the urge to get back in the saddle is strong. But storm aftermath brings serious hazards that can turn a relaxing ride into a

dangerous one. Whether you're commuting or cruising, here are key tips to help you ride smart and safe while avoiding debris and storm-related road dangers.

1. Survey Before You Ride

Before you even fire up your engine, look around your neighborhood. Are there downed tree limbs, standing water, or reports of power lines being out? If so, chances are the roads beyond aren't much better. Sometimes it's wiser to wait a day or two than risk riding into a hazard zone.

2. Choose Your Route Carefully

Stick to familiar roads, if possible. Urban and rural backroads may not be cleared as quickly as highways or main arteries. Avoid low-lying areas prone to flooding or washouts. If you must ride, plan your route ahead and check local traffic apps or DOT updates for closures or detours.

3. Watch for Common Post-Storm Hazards

Storms scatter a wide variety of road debris. Here's what to be on the lookout for:

Tree branches and leaves – Even small sticks can cause a loss of traction.

Loose gravel and mud – Often washed into the roadway, especially on curves or inclines.

Standing water – You can't see what's underneath. Potholes, sharp debris, or even sinkholes could be hidden.

Power lines or wires – Treat all downed wires as live and steer clear.

Broken glass or sharp metal – Storms can damage buildings and vehicles, scattering dangerous debris.

4. Adjust Your Riding Style

Slow down. Ride below your normal pace to allow more time to react.

Increase following distance. The rider ahead of you might spot hazards first.

Ride in the cleanest part of the lane. Debris tends to collect near the shoulders and center line.

Use both brakes gently. Sudden braking on wet or debris-covered roads can cause you to lose control.

5. Keep a Light Touch on the Controls

In slippery or unpredictable conditions, throttle, brake, and lean inputs should be smooth and gradual. Avoid hard braking, sudden swerves, or aggressive acceleration.

6. Be Extra Visible

Post-storm conditions often mean dim lighting or distracted drivers. Make sure your headlight is on, wear bright or reflective gear, and avoid blind spots.

7. Inspect Your Bike After the Ride

Check your tires for embedded debris or damage, especially if you rode through rough patches. Also inspect the chain, brakes, and undercarriage for any mud, grit, or sticks that could compromise performance.

There's nothing wrong with riding after a storm, but doing it safely requires a little extra caution and common sense. If the road looks risky, trust your instincts and wait it out.

Your bike, and your body will thank you later.

Kent Risen Ride Coordinator

Chapter A Membership Enhancement Miles Justice

It seems we are always talking about the weather-too cold, too hot, too icy, too windy, or most recently, too wet. We have had a fairly soggy spring that has resulted in the cancellation of our first two planned Chapter A day rides. With luck, we will be able to reschedule those for later this season we can enjoy cool venues selected at the Chapter A Ops meeting earlier this year.

On the MEPC front, congratulations to Dean and Lora for winning the first Copycat Challenge of the 2025 Year-the horse statue at Westport Green.

The Copycat Challenge is back!!

This month's challenge features a now permanently closed educational institution-the Valor Traditional Academy off Bardstown Road. Although the school is no longer open, it has a neat Castle-like vibe that we think is kinda cool to see. Hopefully you all will agree!!



Valor Traditional Academy
11501 Schlatter Rd
Louisville, KY 40291

Remember the big state-wide challenge ongoing throughout the season-KRR Bingo.

The card will be pinned to the “Files” section of the private Facebook page and copies can be obtained by email to mepec@kyroadriders.org or in person at the various upcoming Chapter and State gatherings. Hope you all enjoy!!

2025 Chapter Visits: April 19th visit to Chapter C



May 1st visit to Chapter Y

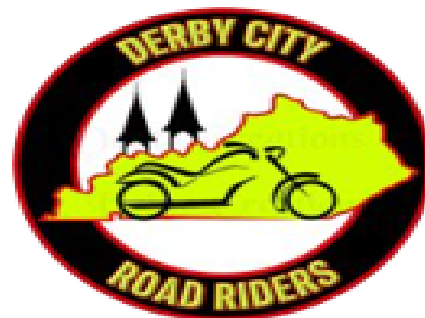




Editor's desk Karen Risen

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 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:

Our second official ride of the season to Bard's Burgers was also cancelled due to stormy weather that dumped lots of rain on Kentucky and caused widespread flooding throughout the state!



**Rick and Leah
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Kentucky State
Directors

Kentucky State Events:



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

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

This month as promised, here are some tips for the safe use of a trailer. First, we need to make sure our equipment is correct.

TRAILER HOOKUP CHECKLIST:

- ◇ *Trailer ball matches coupler size*
- ◇ *Trailer ball properly torqued on the ball mount*
- ◇ *Ball mount secured in the receiver tube with a hitch pin or lock*
- ◇ *Trailer ball fully engaged in the coupler*
- ◇ *Trailer is level and in line with the tow vehicle*
- ◇ *Coupler latch in the locked position and secured with a safety pin or lock*
- ◇ *Trailer jack fully retracted*

- ◇ *Electrical plug firmly inserted into the vehicle socket*
- ◇ *Safety chains hooked up and crisscrossed underneath the coupler*
- ◇ *Running lights, brake lights and turn signals working on the vehicle and trailer*

Second, loading and weight distribution is important. The simple rule to follow is to place 60% of the weight in front of the axle and 40% behind. An unbalanced trailer can lead to trailer sway and other dangers while driving. Plan to load from the center of the trailer towards both ends, with the heaviest items more towards the front. This will help to decrease the rotational inertia about the vertical axis and keep the trailer more stable. Don't get too worried about the distribution of weight but do be conscious of it. Even distribution of the load usually works just fine. Try to keep the load low and flat, with heavier items on the bottom, and lighter ones on top. A lower center of mass is always better. A tall load will need more care in corners, and slower speeds are recommended for trailers with a high center of mass. Keeping the load generally centered left to right in the trailer is also recommended. It may be necessary to use cargo dividers, straps, or empty containers to keep items from shifting during travel.

Once everything is loaded, recheck your tongue weight. Be sure that it does not exceed the rating of your hitch, and that it does not overload your tow vehicle. Then take it for a test ride, and if anything feels strange, stop and reposition things as necessary. Be aware of the effects of increased speed on the trailer handling. The increased momentum will require more effort to steer your rig down the road.

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:



Marble Game: No winner



Birthdays:

Cindy Simpkins May 25th

Anniversaries:





Dean's: "Did You Know?"



Honda's Super Cub is considered the best selling motor vehicle in history. From the launch of the Honda Super Cub C100 (known as the Honda 50 in North America) in August of 1958, to surpassing 100 million units sold in 2017 and setting a world record for a single motorcycle series.



The Japanese toilet manufacturer, TOTO, used a poop-powered toilet motorcycle, the Neo, as a marketing device by taking the bike on an extensive tour to prove the motorcycle actually works. Human waste stored in a tank under the bike's seat is converted and powers the engine.



On January 20, 2025 at a height of 20.4 feet and including 40 motorcyclists riding upon 7 motorcycles, the Indian Army's motorcycle rider display team, The Daredevils, created the world's highest human pyramid on moving motorcycles. This feat helped them acquire their 33rd world record. Captain Dimple Singh Bhati also set a world record that day by becoming the first woman officer of the Indian Army to present a salute to the President on a 12-foot ladder mounted on a moving motorcycle.



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

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Chapter G has the Traveling Plaque. It will be available at their gathering on 6/10/2025. They meet at the American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42 in Florence. They eat at 6pm and meet at 7pm. Bring your own food.

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

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