



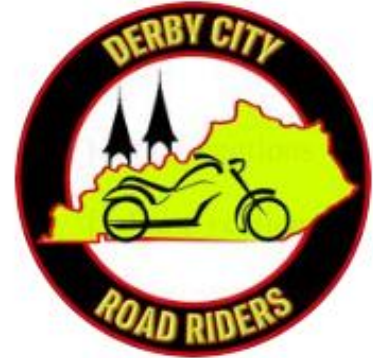
Derby City Road Riders

Louisville, Kentucky

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Chapter A June 2025

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Director's Track



Does anyone know a good riding instructor? I am sure that I am going to need a refresher.

This winter and spring have been terrible as far as riding is concerned. This coming Saturday, Kent has scheduled a nice ride.

The forecast calls for no rain, but the temperature is going to be in the low 90s. I assume that we will also have high humidity, which will also make it less than optimal. But I still would rather be out there riding verses sitting at home. At my age I want to get in all the riding that I can, you never know what tomorrow may bring.

I understand that Don was able to get out of the house and go to the movies with his Grandchildren. We sure hope that he has a quick

recovery and can get out on the road with us soon.

I am looking forward to more of Kent's great rides as well as the upcoming Blast.

I want to wish all those who are headed to South Dakota a very enjoyable and safe trip. I know that we will all be waiting to hear all the stories.

Hope to see everyone out on the road soon. Drive safe.

Ray and Angela Taylor



Assistant Chapter Director's Track

Hi All! It sure has been a wet year for riding so far. We are hoping the summer will dry out, but not too dry! LOL!

We've been able to go on a couple of great rides this year anyway despite the weather. The Parke county covered bridge ride was so much fun, and it is one we have wanted to do for awhile now. We saw so many covered bridges that we lost count. Some were red, some were white, some were not in great shape, some you could ride through, some you just walked up and looked at, some were in their original location and some had been relocated. All of them were cool and we sure found out why they call Parke county Indiana "the covered bridge capitol of the world"!

Our next memorable ride was to the Kentucky Ride-In. This year's Ride In was hosted by Chapter Y and they sure did a great job. There were lots of guided rides and some "on your own" rides. Since we are on two wheels, we made the disappointing decision on Thursday to take the car. The weather forecast was calling for lots of rain and thunderstorms Friday and Saturday and it's just not worth the risk to us riding in that, especially long distances in it. Everyone must make that decision for themselves and ride their own ride and although the ride down was beautiful weather, Friday and Saturday we were caught in heavy downpours, lightning, and high winds so we were really happy with our decision. We still had a great time in the car and got to see lots of cool things like downtown Paducah, Metropolis, IL (with a giant statue of Superman), and all the beautiful scenery around Land Between the Lakes. Our favorite part of the trip was getting to hang out with so many great people from the other Kentucky Chapters, that is truly what it's all about.

Now we are looking forward to the Kentucky Blast being held August 14th-16th at General Butler State Park. The theme is "Riding, Rocking, and Rolling" and we know it will be a great event. The time and effort put into these events by the Kentucky staff is just mind blowing. If you haven't attended a Kentucky Blast or haven't attended lately, we highly recommend you do because there is something for everyone from riding to games to educational classes that you don't want to miss.

We hope to see everyone there!

Kent & Karen Risen



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

Whether you're preparing for a long summer road trip or just enjoying weekend rides, safety should always be at the top of your checklist. One often overlooked, but critical step is making sure your motorcycle isn't subject to any safety recalls.

Why Recall Checks Matter

Motorcycle manufacturers issue recalls when they discover defects that could impact safety, from faulty brakes and fuel systems to lighting and structural components. Even experienced riders can be put at risk by an unresolved issue they didn't know about.

Recalls are not uncommon. In fact, hundreds of thousands of bikes are recalled each year across all makes and models. The good news? Recall repairs are typically performed free of charge by authorized dealers.

It's fast and easy to check if your motorcycle has an active recall:

- **Locate Your VIN**

Your motorcycle's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is typically found on the frame near the steering head or in the registration documents.

- **Visit the Official Recall Website**

Head over to www.nhtsa.gov/recalls. Enter your 17-digit VIN into the search tool to see if your motorcycle is affected.

- **Contact Your Dealer**

If a recall is listed, call your local dealership right away. They'll walk you through scheduling a repair and what to expect.

- **Don't Rely on the Mail Alone**

While manufacturers are required to notify owners by mail, if you're not the original owner or if you've moved, you might never get the letter. That's why it's smart to proactively check for recalls at least once a year, or any time you buy or service a bike.

- **Safety = Confidence**

Taking a few minutes to check for recalls is a small step that can prevent big problems. It keeps you, your passenger, and everyone else on the road safer.

So, before your next ride, do yourself a favor and check your bike's recall status. Your peace of mind is worth it.

Kent Risen Ride Coordinator



Chapter A Membership Enhancement

Miles Justice

Greetings Chapter A. After a couple of false starts to our group riding season, we finally had the chance to do a long weekend ride. It was a great trip to Terra Haute, IN to see 16 covered bridges in the area. Some were drivable, some walkable and some were in such bad disrepair that we could only ride by and see them. However, it was wonderful to be out in the open air with our Chapter A family. Thanks to everyone who was able to share this memorable weekend.

Last weekend was equally memorable as we headed West to the Ride In hosted by Chapter Y. There were 2 outstanding guided rides offered, and Mark and I were fortunate to be able to do both. Although there was some rain here and there, it was still an amazing weekend of friends, food and fellowship with the Kentucky Road Riders!

On the MEPC front, congratulations to Cindy Simpkins for winning the most recent Copycat Challenge featuring the Valor Traditional Academy. I appreciate everyone who rode over to the building and submitted a photo. Hopefully, it provides a good chance for a local ride.

This month's copycat challenge features a Louisville oddity – the World's Largest Vampire Bat. It is a 24' tall by 16' wide sculpture hanging on the outside wall of the Caufield Novelty Store.

Caufield Novelty Store, 1006 W Main, Louisville 40202



Remember that there is a big state-wide challenge – KRR Bingo – ongoing throughout the season. The card has been uploaded to the 'Files' section of the private Facebook page and copies can be obtained by email to mepc@kyroadriders.org or in person at the various Chapter and State gatherings. Hope you all enjoy!

Finally, the purpose of the Membership Enhancement Program Coordinator (MEPC)

is to help ensure that all members are enjoying their time with Chapter A. If you have ideas for challenges or other thoughts on how to enhance fun with the chapter, I am open to all suggestions. Thanks, and see you on the road!

2025 Chapter Visits:



Editor's desk **Karen Risen**



The Newsletter is here to keep the members of Chapter A informed. I want to continue to thank the people that write newsletter articles each and every month, **YOU ARE AWESOME!**

I would also like to encourage others who don't to give it a go. Any one of our members can submit a Newsletter article for Chapter A's Newsletter. The article doesn't have to be a masterpiece, a work of art, a novel, an essay or even a short story, it can simply be a few paragraphs that share an experience about a ride, our group, your bike, one of the state events, or pretty much anything you want to write about. Newsletter articles are due the Friday before our meeting each month. Please don't wait till the last minute every month, we have a newsletter every month, so you all know it's coming!!

Also, don't feel like you have to have a literary degree to write an article. We are all friends here and I love reading everyone's different experiences and adventures. I think it is also a great way to keep people engaged within our group and attract others outside our group that are curious about where we go, what we do, and how we roll! Who knows, someone could be considering joining our group and read something great about what we did or where we went and that article could help be the reason they joined our group!!



2025 Chapter A Ride Schedule:

Saturday June 21st Chapter C Visit Lexington, KY

9am Meet at Rooster's, 10430 Shelbyville Rd #7

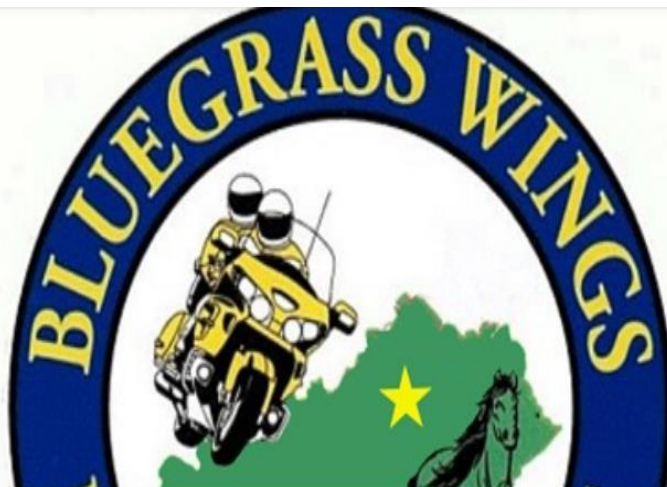


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Saturday at 9 AM – 4 PM

Chapter C, Lexington

2640 Richmond Rd, Lexington, KY 40509



Saturday July 5th Bard's Burgers reschedule date!

9:45am Meet at Rooster's, 10430 Shelbyville Rd #7

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

Bard's Burger & Chili

10430 Shelbyville Rd #7, Louisville, KY 40223



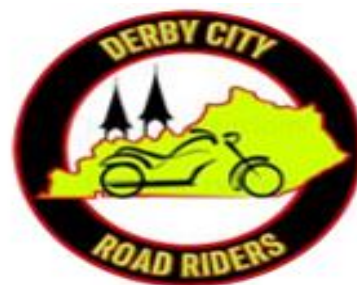
All rides listed are tentative and subject to change to due to weather, participation, or availability!! Please check with Chapter A or our facebook page for the most recent updates and ride information!!

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:

May 23rd -May 25th Parke County Covered Bridge Ride

This ride was so much fun ya'll and it left us guessing, did we see 16 covered bridges? 17 covered bridges? All we know is there were so many covered bridges we lost count!





And after all that fussing and a feudin about how many covered bridges we saw, we might have gotten ourselves into a little trouble, Chapter A style!

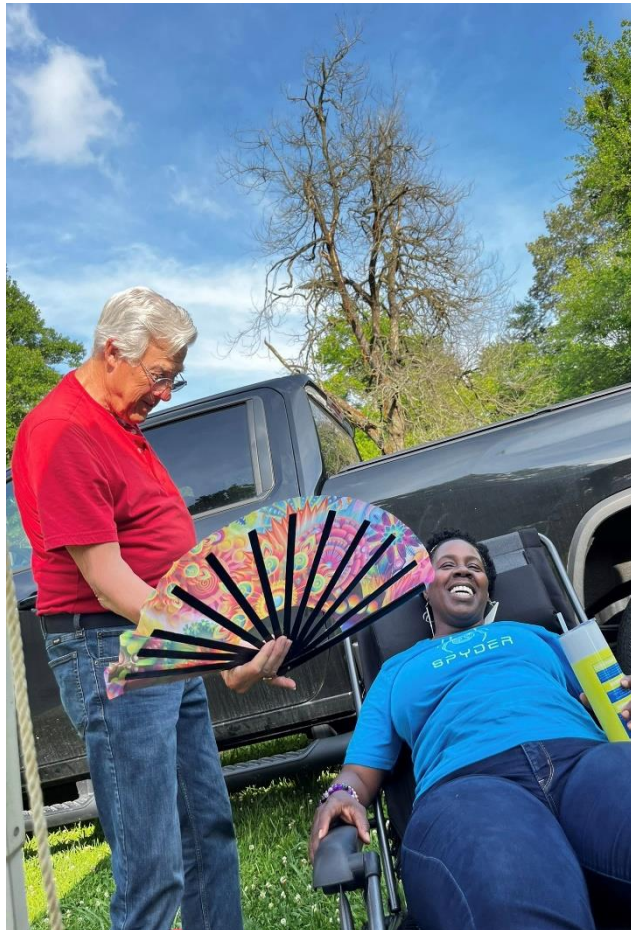




Sunday June 1st ride to the Overlook

2025 Kentucky Ride In

It was rainy but fun!



We saw lots of Elk!!



But the best part? Hanging out with great people!!!





**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State
Directors

Kentucky State Events:

2025 Ky State Events:

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

With the return of favorable weather, most of us have gotten back to riding. Many of us like to ride in groups, enjoying the hobby we love with others of like mind. Group motorcycle riding is a philosophy that emphasizes a blend of safety, communication, and camaraderie while simultaneously requiring riders to be aware of their surroundings, to maintain proper spacing, and to communicate effectively. It is about riding as a team, where everyone relies on and respects each other to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Here are some important points of group motorcycle riding philosophy: **Safety:** proper spacing, staggered formations, and awareness of road conditions. **Communication:** hand signals and CB/Bluetooth communication to alert other riders about changes in speed, direction, or potential hazards. **Responsibility:** realizing that each rider is responsible for their own safety and the safety of the others in the group. **Respect:** acknowledging and collaborating with the leader, the group, and other road users. **Having fun:** emphasizing the shared experience and camaraderie of riding together, while maintaining safety and respect.

Group riding is an active, constantly changing, and dynamic event.

Conditions on the road are always in flux due to traffic, road conditions, actions from other users, and natural occurrences such as weather and animal activity. This requires a foundation of trust among the participants in the ride. Group riding does not excuse the rider from sound judgement or safe practices. Each rider is responsible for his own decisions, regardless of the group dynamic.

There are several ways each rider can provide the respect and consideration he expects from the others in the group. It is important to maintain lane position especially in tight turns and in traffic. Riders on the inside of a right-hand turn should try their best to stay on the right side of the road, especially when turning from a

stop, as at an intersection.

At stop signs and traffic lights, the group should collapse together, with each rider moving up next to the person ahead. Proper lane position will normally allow enough room for a bike and a trike to stop next to each other. Close formation at a stop allows the group to get through the intersection in less time, reducing the exposure of all the riders to cross traffic and left turning vehicles.

Remember that your actions have consequences. Every time you brake (for an obstacle or entering a turn), accelerate, or decelerate, you immediately affect ALL of the riders behind you. Any sudden action you make will require a sudden reaction from ALL of the other riders. Always do your best and signal your intentions well ahead to avoid causing panic among those riders who are following you.

Be aware of the differences in the vehicles in your group. Generally, if a vehicle participating in the group ride has less than three wheels, that vehicle will have a great deal of difficulty staying upright without rider input. And the slower that vehicle is moving, the more rider input is required. Group rides these days usually consist of more multi-wheeled vehicles than two-wheeled motorcycles. Many of the operators of these multi-wheeled vehicles were skilled riders of two wheels. Maybe this describes you. Do you remember riding on two wheels and the effort it took to keep the bike balanced and smooth during slow speed operation?

We all know we should ride our own ride, and we are responsible for our own actions. But this does not mean that you can do what you want without regard to the effects on other road users. We all have responsibility to each other when we interact on the highway, regardless of the setting. Using the highway is a privilege, not a right. Be respectful and patient so we all get along and arrive alive.

Chapter A monthly meet!!



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

Chapter A met Saturday June 14th and we had visitors from Chapter G. Janet was there to give an update on Don's health and we sure hope he is back in the saddle soon and out riding with us again!!



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

50/50 Winners:

\$15 Lora Miller



\$10 Ray Taylor

Marble Game: No winner



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays:



Lora Miller June 30th

Anniversaries:



Dean and Lora Miller

June 13th



Individuals of the Year



2024

As many know, I am a social worker and an advocate for mental health. So, I figured I'd provide a little mental health moment.

Chanel's Mental Health Moment: The Power of the Open Road

June is Men's Mental Health Month, but the truth is—mental health affects us all, riders and non-riders alike.

Life, much like the road, can be unpredictable. One moment, you're cruising under clear skies. The next, you're fighting through a storm, gripping the handlebars a little tighter just to stay steady. Mental health struggles can hit the same way—unexpectedly, relentless, and sometimes, downright exhausting. But here's the thing: you don't have to ride through it alone.

We all hit rough patches. Stress, grief, anxiety—they creep up when we least expect it. And just like ignoring that strange rattle in your engine, pushing aside emotional struggles can lead to a breakdown when you least expect it.

Society tells us to "tough it out," to handle things solo. But the strongest riders—the ones who make it through the storms—are the ones who know when to lean on the Strength of the Pack.

A motorcycle chapter is more than just a group of riders—it's a family. It's knowing that when life throws you off balance, someone's there to help steady your ride. Whether it's a deep conversation, a check-in, or a ride to clear your head, that simple act of connection can make all the difference.

If you're struggling, reach out. You don't have to explain everything. You don't have to have the answers. You just have to take that first step. And if you see someone who looks like they're riding through heavy rain—be the lifeline they need.

Five Quick Tools

1. **Talk It Out** – Don't bottle things up. A conversation with a friend, a chapter member, family, or even a professional can be a game-changer.
2. **Get Moving** – Ride, walk, hit the gym—physical movement fires up endorphins and helps shake off stress.
3. **Recharge Properly** – Sleep isn't just downtime—it's repair time. Rest well to ride well.
4. **Mind Your Mind** – Take a breath. Focus on the present. A few mindful minutes can do wonders for mental clarity.
5. **Stay Connected** – Isolation is where struggles grow. Keep close to your connections, check in, and remind yourself—you're never alone on this ride.

Mental health isn't a solo mission, and it's not a one-time conversation, it's an ongoing road trip. Let's make sure no one feels like they have to ride through the hard times alone.

So, next time you're on the road and someone is running low on fuel—be the boost they need. A quick call, a shared ride, or even just showing up can be the difference between someone sinking and someone finding solid ground.

Chanel Blue

Individuals of the Year

2025

This year has been a challenge to get any good rides in. Here's to hoping that we can get our rescheduled ride in on 6/21. Although we haven't been able to get as much riding in, we have still managed to get in lots of fun.



Our covered bridge ride Memorial Day weekend was a lot of fun. I had to ride in a car due to some personal limitations, but we had a lot of fun. We managed to see several covered bridges that weekend. We also visited Bridgeton, which is a cute little town with a covered bridge overlooking a waterfall. I have a photo I managed to capture above. Chanel managed to score me a free birthday drink from the bartender on Saturday night so that was another win!

Then at the start of June we had the Ride In. With the weather it would have been more aptly named the rain in. It took place at the gorgeous Kentucky Dam Village state park. The state team did a great job bringing everything together so we could all have a great time.

I'm looking forward to the weather cooperating so we can get in more rides this year. Everyone stay safe out there!

Cindy Simpkins



Dean's: "Did You Know?"

Honda Motorcycles, started in 1946, Harley Davidson, started in 1903, and Triumph started in 1886 were all established from the beginning as two wheeled motorized bicycle manufacturers but did you know...



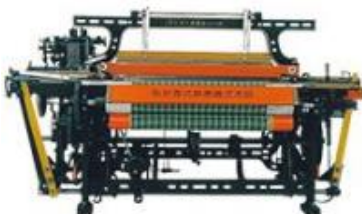
The rumor that Triumph Motorcycles also manufactures golf balls is false but there are souvenir golf balls with the Triumph motorcycle logo on it out there.



Yamaha began as a piano manufacturer. Both the Yamaha Corporation (musical instruments) and Yamaha Motor Co, Ltd. (motorcycles, boats, etc.) originated from Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd. until 1955 when Yamaha Motor Co. spun off on its own.



Kawasaki was involved in shipping industry until 1962 when it created the Kawasaki motorcycle to aid in marketing and publicizing their "heavy industries" which was unknown by the public. It then merged with Meguro Manufacturing Co. and the establishment of Kawasaki Motorcycle Co., Ltd. in 1963.



Suzuki started out as Suzuki Loom Works making weaving looms until its creation in 1952 of the "Power Free", a bicycle fitted with a motor that could be pedaled with or without the engine assist, or just run on engine power alone. The company officially changed its name in 1955 to Suzuki Motor Co., Ltd.



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 6/21/2025. They meet at Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd, Lexington, KY. They eat at 11am and meet at Noon. We'll see you there!



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

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