



Derby City Road Riders

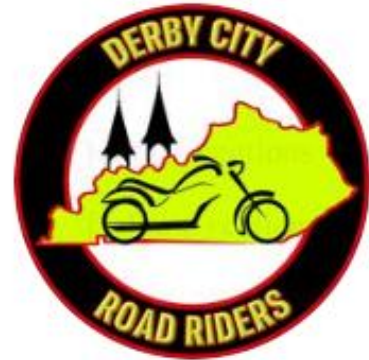
Louisville, Kentucky

Chapter A August 2025



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Director's Track



It is now the time of year that all riders look forward to.

The Kentucky Blast is only a few days away. I am looking forward to meeting up with old and new friends once again as I am sure we all love this aspect of being part of a State group.

General Butler State Park is a beautiful place, and I am sure that we will all be impressed. The facilities are great. There is a hilltop lookout not far from the lodge where you will be able to see miles of the Ohio River as well as overlooking the town of Carolton Ky and the Indiana side of the river.

The roads around this area provide some of the best riding in the area.

I am sure that this Blast will be one that you will not forget soon.

At Blast there will be two educational classes. These classes are very

informative and everyone that is available should attend these classes. As I mentioned at our recent meeting, I will be getting with Leah Crindlin in order to set up First aid and CPR classes for those that in need of new certification. We have 14 people signed up at this time. I just hope that she can accommodate 14.

I will be letting you know the date and place as soon as everything is confirmed.

This year the riding has not been all that great. First of all, the rain and then the unbearable heat. We can only hope that mother nature will be smiling on us this Fall and provide some great Fall riding weather.

We can't wait to see all our friends at the Blast. Until then, ride safe and look out for other riders.

See you at the Blast and out on the road.

Ray and Angela Taylor



Assistant Director's Track

And just like that, the Kentucky Blast is here. Where has the summer gone?! We have not been able to ride near as much as we would like mainly because of the crazy Kentucky weather this year. We had lots of rain in the Spring and throughout the summer followed by unbearable heat and high heat advisories. Kent and I wanted to ride and ventured out for a few rides in the heat but by the time we got home we were dehydrated sweaty messes. Funny how the heat can just zap the energy right out of you and it's super important to stay hydrated and make frequent rest stops in that kind of weather which we did but some days it just wasn't worth it, and we found ourselves staying in with the cool air conditioning. We are hoping the Fall riding season will be beautiful weather and nice temperatures since the Spring and Summer season have been kind of a bust!

Shortly, we will be heading out to General Butler State Park near Carrollton, KY for the Kentucky Blast. We are excited to enjoy another State Park venue as the Kentucky Dam Village was a beautiful area for the Spring Kentucky Ride-In. It will certainly be hard to beat the Showroom in Lawrenceburg, KY where the last two Kentucky Blasts have been held but it's always nice to have a change of scenery and we are excited this year to have the event and the hotel all at one place and it being at a State park is just the icing on the cake. No matter where it's held, we know the agenda and events will be top notch and a fun time for everyone. Hope to see you all there!!

Kent & Karen Risen



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

Safety Yellow: The Color That Saves Lives and Demands Attention

When it comes to visibility, nothing beats safety yellow. This bold, eye-catching color grabs attention instantly, exactly what you want when safety is on the line.

Its secret? Our eyes are naturally drawn to yellow, even in low light or from the corner of our vision. That means safety yellow stands out in sunshine, shade, fog, or dusk, making people, equipment, and hazards easier to spot before trouble strikes.

From construction zones to warehouse floors, safety yellow has a universal meaning: Pay attention. Adding it to gear, railings, and signage is an easy, cost-effective way to make any workplace safer.

Bright, unmistakable, and trusted worldwide, safety yellow isn't just a color. It's a warning you can't miss; Chapter A is nearby!



Chapter A Membership Enhancement

Miles Justice

Greetings Chapter A. I hope everyone had a great July. As you probably know, the 2025 Blast is just around the corner – next Thursday – Saturday, August 14-16. There is a jam-packed agenda with a variety of activities including guided rides, a catered dinner, casino games, a live band, team challenges, education classes, on-bike games, an ice cream social, Wingo, and a Couple of the Year/Individual of the Year reception for current and former COYs/IOYs, their mascots and anyone interested in learning more about the program. This year also features several vendors including bike and helmet painting. There should be plenty to keep everyone entertained for the entire weekend at the beautiful General Butler State Park. Hope to see Chapter A well represented there!

On the MEPC front, congratulations to Dean & Lora Miller for winning the most recent Copycat Challenge featuring the Kentucky Rushmore mural on Bardstown Road. I appreciate everyone who rode over to the building and submitted a photo. Hopefully, it provided a good chance for a local ride.



August Copycat Challenge for August:

This month's challenge features the Kosair for Kids Sam Swope Center.



Kosair for Kids Sam Swope Center
982 Eastern Pwy, Louisville 40217

Also, a big thanks to the members of Chapter A who submitted entries for the big state-wide challenge – KRR Bingo. The winner will be announced at the Blast next weekend. Hope you all enjoyed the challenge!

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: July 19th Chapter C visit



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 and take pictures, **YOU ARE AWESOME!**





2025 Chapter A Ride Schedule:

Upcoming rides depending on the weather and everyone's availability:

Bard's Burgers-Covington, KY



The Schoolhouse Restaurant & General Store-Camp Dennison, OH

Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor and Museum-Columbus, IN



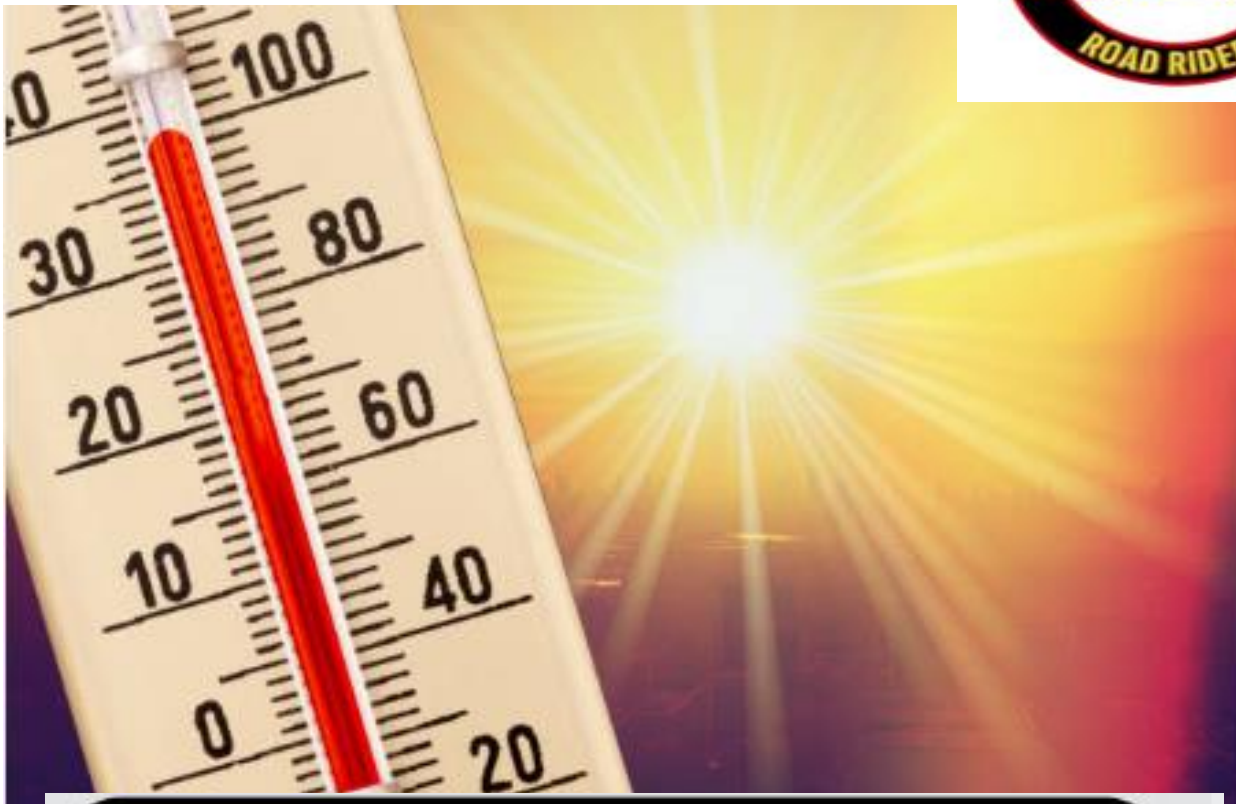
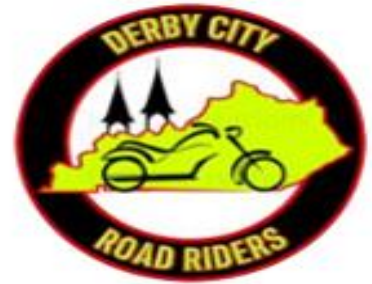
Spring Mill State Park-Mitchell, IN Grist Mill, Caves, Pioneer village.

Kentucky River Rambler Railway and Underground Railroad-Spring 2026



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:





**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

Welcome to August and the arrival (finally) of the heat and humidity of summer. But the heat of the daytime is nothing like the heat in your exhaust system. Combine that with the humidity in the air, the byproducts of combustion which are basically anhydrous acids, and the fact that a motorcycle exhaust system is unprotected metal on the inside, and you have a recipe for rust and corrosion. Our exhaust systems are very well made, but after many years even the best exhaust systems will start to show the effects of aging.

The first place to check is any clamp or fastener. These places tend to catch and keep the road grime which also holds the acid rain that can eat pits into the pipes, even into the chrome plating.

Next, check around the welds. By their very nature, the welds are subject to early failure due to the energy put into them during the welding process. This makes the metal in the welded area more prone to the effects of oxidation. And the third place to check is any sharp angle in the formed metal fittings and tubing of the exhaust system. Sharp angles tend to act as stress risers, where any force on the metal, be it expansion and contraction from thermal changes, or flexing from vibration from the engine or roadway, tend to be focused and lead to cracking. These cracks again tend to attract dirt and moisture.

If your bike is new or in really fine condition without much rust on the exhaust system, then prevention is easy, mainly consisting of washing and periodic scrubbing followed by some aluminized paint around the welds. If you or the previous owner have been less than diligent in the care of the exhaust system, and you find some cracks, there is still hope. Several products on the market can extend the service life of your pipes. Some are high temperature epoxies. Others are mixes of high temperature polymers and metal dust, like Blue Magic® Quik Steel™. This product is applied on warm days above 80 degrees Fahrenheit and

is applied directly to the damaged area. Liberal applications spread widely over the surrounding surface help to hold the area together. After four hours of initial curing, it is time to go for a ride to finish-cure the repair. The heat in the exhaust makes this product stronger.

*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.

Chapter A met Saturday August 9th. We had no visitors this month but we did have a potential new member, Paul Tolar. He just moved here from out of state and is a former GWRRA member. He showed up at our meeting and then took a ride with us get ice cream at Zoe's in Mount Washington. We hope to see Paul at our upcoming rides and events and if you see him around please say hi and make him feel welcome!!

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

50/50 Winners:

Dean Miller \$15



Brenda Snook \$15

Marble Game:

Paul Tolar had the winning ticket but did not draw the winning marble. \$115+ up for grabs next month! Better luck next time and thanks for playing!



THE AFTER PARY: Zoe's Ice Cream in Mount Washington!



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays:



Janet Price August 18
Chanel Blue August 20



Anniversaries:





Chanel Blue/Individual of the Year

2024 Chanel's Mental Health Moment:

The Two, Three or Four-Wheel Control & Release: Finding Your Anchor on the Road

Hey Riders! This month, we've been talking a lot about the Control & Release Framework—a mental ritual for a calmer, more focused life. It's about separating what you can control from what you can't, and it's a concept that applies perfectly to our life on two, three, or four wheels.

Think about it: The road is full of things in the "Release Box." You can't control that deer that jumps out, the oblivious driver on their phone, or the sudden downpour that turns your ride into a tight-knuckle adventure. Trying to control these things is a recipe for anxiety, frustration, and probably a few colorful words inside your helmet.

But you have a whole "Control Box" right there on your bike. And that's where your power truly lies.

Your Anchor: On the Bike & In Your Head

Here's what you can control every single time you swing your leg over the seat:

- Your gear: You can control wearing a helmet, jacket, and boots. You can't control the rock that might kick up, but you can control your protection.**
- Your bike's condition: You can't control a random flat tire, but you can control checking your tire pressure, oil, and chain tension before you ride.**
- Your focus: You can't control the chaos around you, but you can control your concentration. Staying sharp, looking ahead, and scanning for trouble is a choice you make.**
- Your attitude: You can't control the traffic jam, but you can control whether you get angry or use that time to listen to your favorite song (or just enjoy the hum of your engine).**

A Rider's Ritual for Releasing

Before you roll out, give yourself a moment to practice this ritual.

- 1. Acknowledge:** Take a deep breath and acknowledge all the things you're worried about. That new job, the bills, the noisy neighbors. Let it all come to mind.
- 2. Separate:** Mentally or literally, sort those thoughts. "My attitude on this ride? Control. The weather forecast being wrong? Release."
- 3. Release:** With a final exhale, let go of the things in your "Release" box. As you kick your stand up, imagine you're kicking those worries away from you.
- 4. Ride:** Now, focus purely on what you can control: the throttle, the shift, the lean into the turn. The road ahead is your space, and your focus is your freedom.

By doing this, you're not just riding; you're engaging in a powerful ritual that clears your mind and focuses your energy on the only thing that matters at that moment: the ride itself. It's a practice that makes every journey more intentional, more present, and a whole lot more fun.

So next time you're about to head out, take a moment to find your anchor. Let go of the chaos, grab a handful of throttle and ride on. We'll see you on the road!

Cindy Simpkins/Individual of the Year 2025

This riding season we haven't been able to have a lot of group trips due to the weather. I'm hoping as we get closer to fall that will change. I'm looking forward to the Blast. Let's hope we have great weather so we can enjoy games and rides in a beautiful setting.

I was able to do a bit of traveling this month with my daughter. We went up to visit her friend in Michigan. My daughter and I got to see some small sights on our first day there. I included a photo of the Tridge in Midland, Michigan. It's a wooden bridge for foot traffic built over the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers.



We saw the mini-Mackinac bridge in St. Louis, Michigan. This didn't compare at all to the real thing, but it was a cute novelty. We then saw a two-story outhouse located in Cedar Lake, Michigan. We found the second one on an app called Roadside America. Thanks for the tip on this Dean and Lora Miller.

We visited Sleeping Bear National Park to see the dunes on Lake Michigan. I wasn't brave enough to go to the shoreline and risk not being able to get back up. They charge \$3k to rescue you if you get stuck. Gabby and I waited on top while



her friend went down and made it back up about 35 minutes later. The views were gorgeous. I included a photo of my daughter and me on top of the dunes.

Mackinac island was the highlight of the trip. It was gorgeous weather. The walking was wonderful. The beach was beautiful. We found a hidden garden at The Grand Hotel. It was absolutely gorgeous. It was a fun adventure, and I got to see some of the places I missed on Chapter A's Niagara trip.



Dean's: "Did You Know?"



bathing suit and sneakers (and of course a helmet for safety). He did this to cut down on wind resistance.

The fastest motorcycle land speed record, 376.363 mph, was set by Rocky Robinson on a TOP 1 Ack Attac in 2010 at the Bonneville Salt Flats. However, **the most memorable** record is probably the one by the American racer Rollie Free in 1948 when Free set a motorcycle land-speed record of 150 mph on a modified Vincent Black Shadow at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah wearing nothing but his tiny



And in 2016 Valerie Thompson became the first female driver riding a motorcycle (a Denis Manning "7" Racing streamliner) at an average speed of 304 mph making her the world's fastest female motorcycle racer.



The Grand Marshal of the 85th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, taking place this month, will be the one and only motorcycle icon, Gloria Tramontin Struck. Gloria turned 100 years old on July 7th and since she learned to ride at the age of 16 she has ridden well over 700,000 miles on her various motorcycles. In 2011 she was inducted into the Sturgis Hall of fame and in 2016 she was inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame. She said she was truly honored to be named Grand Marshal.



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 the Kentucky Blast.



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

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