



Derby City Road Riders

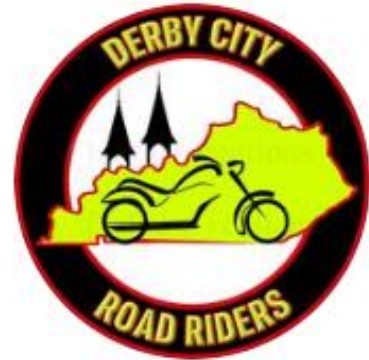
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Director's Track



As we age it is sometimes said that a certain person is going through their second childhood. As a motorcycle rider I often think of my younger days, and I don't quite know when childhood starts or ends. At the ripe old age of 86, I still sometimes think that I would like to get on an off-road bike and head into the woods or a Motocross like terrain. If I

had an off-road bike running, I might even go out and try it. There is nothing more exciting than riding a bike that you must totally control to stay upright.

Although I occasionally get those thoughts, I must slap myself and say, "Wake up", those days are over. My mind tells me to go ahead and then my body tells me "You are out of your mind".

As your age, you must take hold of your thoughts and realize that one little mistake can end all your riding forever. For instance, I am on two blood thinners and the thought of making a bad mistake and possibly bleeding out is

very real to me and that sobers me up quickly.

When thinking things over, I am very glad that I can ride a Highway Bike and exercise a little common sense, this should keep me out of trouble.

I am very thankful that I can ride with friends who share the same excitement that I do when riding through all the scenic areas and experience the feeling of freedom that only comes when riding a Motorcycle.

So, if you ever get the feeling of trying the things that you used to do that made you happy, just be thankful that you have moved on to new and exciting activities.

Looking forward to doing some road riding with our friends and enjoying the good weather before it gets so cold that it makes you uncomfortable. Then you can enjoy heated gear.

See you out on the road. Drive safe

Ray and Angela Taylor



Assistant Director's Track

Well Chapter A, it looks like Fall is here, but you wouldn't know it from the 80+ degree temperatures hanging around. I guess we shouldn't rush the fall weather because Old man winter is just waiting around the corner, and no one enjoys that!!

September is usually the month we have our annual Chapter A ride, but this year was a little different. Kent and I were able to go on a Mediterranean cruise with family and friends. We spent 3 glorious days in Rome and then cruised to Sicily, Greece, Montenegro, Turkey, and Spain. It was the trip of a lifetime with beautiful ports, great weather, incredible scenery, and delicious food. Even though it was an amazing trip we did miss September riding time, but we hope to be back in the saddle soon for some great fall rides!!

Kent & Karen Risen



Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

There's nothing quite like riding through the Midwest in the fall. The air's crisp, the trees are lit up in reds and golds, and the backroads feel made for motorcycles. But as perfect as the season is, it also brings a few things riders need

to keep in mind.

Pack for the Weather

Fall here can mean a sunny 70-degree afternoon and a chilly 40-degree ride home. Layer up and keep a set of rain or windproof gear handy, you'll thank yourself later. Heated grips and heated vests are a game changer if you're planning longer rides.

Watch the Roads

Those colorful leaves on the ground? Not so fun when they're wet and slick. They can also cover potholes or gravel. On top of that, harvest season means tractors, combines, and the mud they drag out onto rural roads.

Shorter Days

It gets dark faster than you think this time of year. Make sure your lights are working and consider wearing reflective gear. Planning rides to finish before dusk can help you avoid a run-in with wildlife.

Speaking of Wildlife...

Deer are everywhere in the fall, especially at dawn and dusk. Stay extra alert when riding near fields, wooded areas, or rivers, you never know when one (or more) might run across the road.

Check Your Bike

Don't forget the T-CLOCK inspection, especially since cooler temps affect tire pressure and traction. It's also a good time to think about prepping your bike for winter storage.



Chapter A Membership Enhancement

Miles Justice

Hello, Chapter A! The Blast is in the books, and I hope everyone had a fantastic time. Based on comments from attendees, it sounds like people truly had a “blast”. Thanks to the Blast Planning Committee and the entire State Staff for their hard work and creativity to make the event such a success! Thanks to Chapter A for showing up and representing us at the state rally. Also, special thanks to those members who took part in the KRR Bingo state-wide challenge – Ray & Angela, Kent & Karen, and especially Cindy for completing the Cover All. Although the particulars are not certain yet, there will be another state-wide riding challenge in 2026, and I hope many of you will join in on the fun.

The only Copycat Challenge picture for last month was the original one taken by Dean and Lora in my absence. They opted not to accept a prize, so there was no gift card winner for that contest.

September Copycat Challenge

This month’s challenge features the Veterans Memorial Park in J-town.



Veterans Memorial Park

September Copycat Challenge:

Veterans Memorial Park 10707 Taylorsville Road, Jeffersontown KY 40299

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: September Chapter S 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
Rescheduled for Sat Oct 4th!!



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**

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Kentucky State Events:

2025 Ky State Events:

State Fall Ride 10/17/2025-10/20/2025

Bruce and Kathy Hensley, the State Ride Coordinators, have designed a fall ride for our State. It is a ride through Kentucky to look at the beautiful Fall foliage that Kentucky has to offer. The ride starts on 10/17/25 and ends on 10/20/25. The ride will pass thru the central part of the state close to most Chapters and will have meeting points close to the Chapters general locations. The ride will then proceed to the eastern and southern portions of the State and should offer beautiful views as the group passes thru the different areas of the state.

Riders can join or leave at any meeting point and qualify to have their Passport card signed for the State Ride.

For more info please visit: kyroadriders.org



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**

State Educator

State Educator's Report

Rider education is more than just learning tips and techniques in a classroom and then practicing them on a closed course. It is taking what you have learned in the classroom and applying it to your day-to-day riding, making your daily rides a place to practice and polish the skills you need every day to survive the asphalt jungle. Riding with this in mind, you will notice what works well for you and what needs additional development or a different solution. At work we call this Continuous Improvement, and it is a necessary task required of every employee. I call it Riding to Live, and it is a necessary task required of every motorist to stay above ground.

*One of the skills that gets a lot of attention in rider courses is braking. From the dictionary, we get the definition:
braking (noun)-The action of making a moving vehicle slow down or stop by using a brake("Solved 1. (Definition braking: the action of making a moving - Chegg")*

This of course should not be confused with "breaking" which is defined as any action of separating, damaging, or interrupting something. In fact, there seems to be a correlation between the two words. If you are not good at "braking" you may find that you will become experienced in "breaking".

In the several and various rider courses I have completed, braking has always been a focus. For standard arrangement controls (hand brake on the right, generally controlling the front brakes, and foot brake on the right, generally controlling the rear brake) the best stops are performed using both controls in proper measure. How much of each control you use can depend on the speed you are traveling, the available traction (which depends on the weather and the condition of the road surface), and the condition of your equipment (motorcycle). The rider courses always stress the proper technique for braking, especially with the hand brake control. The beginner technique is to always use all four fingers to squeeze the brake lever. This is for several reasons:

- Maximum grip strength requires all four fingers (and this is REALLY important if you find yourself stopped on the side of the road in a windstorm in Nebraska)*
- Having maximum strength available allows the operator to better modulate*

the brake for smoother and shorter stops

- *All four fingers on the brake lever mean no fingers are stuck between the lever and the bar grip, which could prevent maximum lever throw and thus maximum braking force being applied resulting in longer stopping distances*
- *All four fingers on the brake lever also mean no fingers wrapped around the throttle, which will remove the ability of the engine to work against the brakes.*

There are also times when less than four fingers can be a benefit. The last few months I have been purposefully trying different numbers of fingers to learn where this works better for me. I have found that with two fingers:

- *I can cover the brake during most riding scenarios which allows good throttle control yet almost instant response to a perceived threat*
- *Rev matching while down shifting, especially just before entering a turn*
- *Faster and smoother transitions between braking and acceleration when riding becomes “spirited”*
- *Smoother parking lot maneuvers when more than just the foot brake is needed*

Braking is a skill that you never need to use – if you never start your motorcycle. Any other time, it may be the most important skill to learn. Good braking technique is what separates a good rider from, well, breaking and becoming broken. Every ride ends in a stop. Please practice this skill, stay safe, and stay together.

*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 September 13th. We had visitors from Chapter C and Chapter G and Chapter C was lucky enough to capture the Traveling Plaque. Congratulations Chapter C! After the meeting there was an ice cream ride to Boomtown Creamery in New Albany Indiana. A good time was had by ALL!



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

50/50 Winners:

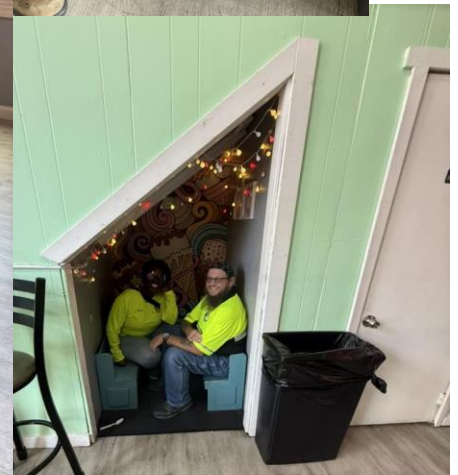


Marble Game:

Steve Snook had the winning ticket but did not draw the winning marble. \$125+ up for grabs next month! Better luck next time and thanks for playing!



THE AFTER PARY: Boomtown Creamery in New Albany, Indiana!



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays:



Ray Taylor September 9
Kent Risen September 11



Anniversaries:





Chanel Blue/Individual of the Year **2024** **[Chanel's Mental Health Moment:](#)**

Chanel's Mental Health Moment: The Seasonal Slump

Now that the leaves are starting to trade their vibrant green for crunchy brown, I know my bike knows its road time is shortening. Soon she will be experiencing, “staring-at-the-wall time” while sitting in the garage, plugged up to a trickle charger. Not to mention that she spent a good month in the shop and the weather wasn’t

the best this year - too hot, too rainy. It almost sounds like a scene from Sleeping Beauty and the Seven Dwarfs.

For me, and I’m sure for others, riding is therapy. It's the one thing that forces your brain to focus on the road instead of that endless work email, text message (unless you’re a certain someone, I won’t say names), or phone call - usually spam. Soon we will be headed into the “off-season funk.” It’s a real condition, characterized by compulsive checking of the 7-day forecast, excessive window-gazing, looking in the garage at your bike, and maybe a little too much time contemplating "how cold is it really" and if your bones can handle it.

While passing the cold season by, don't let the weather turn you into a couch potato. Here is some fun filled, yet potent, tips for keeping your head in the helmet (figuratively) this winter:

1. That little accessory you wanted? The upgraded cup holder? The fancy, high-tech phone mount? The amazing new navigation system? Now, is the time to dive into the garage and get your hands dirty. Call it "Mindful Maintenance." It scratches the motorcycle itch, gives you a great sense of accomplishment, and makes you feel connected to your ride. Plus, you'll be the envy of the chapter when the roads open up.

2. You can't ride the roads, but you can certainly plan the roads. Grab a map or

open Google Maps and start charting out next year's grand adventure. Planning a great escape is basically a free mental vacation. I may even plan a ride or two, no promise that we won't end up in Kansas.

3. We all know the drill. Take the time to properly clean your helmets, condition your riding suit, and organize your garage. There's a deeply satisfying, almost therapeutic joy in having a perfectly organized shelf of spotless gear. It's the grown-up version of lining up your toys—it brings a strange, calm order to the universe.

4. Just because we're not on the road doesn't mean we can't be together. Use this time to hang out with chapter members off the bikes. Go grab a meal, get some ice cream, catch a movie, or just stand around a warm beverage or alternate beverage of your choice, and dramatically complain about the cold. Remember, we're a group of amazing people, even when we're trapped indoors!

The winter is just a pit stop, folks. Keep your spirits high, keep your wheels clean, and keep that anticipation burning. We'll be back on the open road before you know it, chasing the sun and not worrying about the frost.



Dean's: "Did You Know?"

Lane splitting and/or lane filtering is an actual thing in some states.

LANE SPLITTING is riding a motorcycle between two lanes of traffic moving in the same direction as the bike (17% of motorcycle accidents in California are due to lane splitting).

LANE FILTERING is riding a motorcycle between vehicles moving in the same direction as the bike but while they are either slow moving or at a standstill.



Supporters of lane filtering feel it can be safer than remaining stopped in traffic because it reduces the risk of being rear-ended into a stopped or slow-moving vehicle which may be a big reason why filtering is becoming legal in more and more states.



Two wheeled motorcycles can lane split or filter. Trikes, Spyders, Slingshots, and motorcycles with sidecars are not allowed.



California led the way by making lane splitting legal in 2016 and lane filtering is now legal in Arizona, Montana, and Utah with Minnesota and Colorado legalizing lane filtering by the end of 2025.



ANATOMY OF A LANE SPLITTING ACCIDENT

Most lane splitting accidents share common threads. The story typically begins with a sudden lane change or a moment of distraction. The risk multiplies when motorcycles move too quickly past slower traffic. Add poor visibility or road hazards, and danger peaks. Blind spots become trap zones, especially when drivers forget to signal or check mirrors.



And keep in mind that although lane splitting or filtering might be legal in some states their individual rules vary and unsafe riding can still get you a ticket for various violations while doing so like unsafe passing, following too closely, or reckless driving.



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 next meeting on 10/25/25(rescheduled this month) at Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd, Lexington, KY. They eat at 11am and meet at noon. Hope to see you there!

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

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