



Derby City Road Riders

Louisville, Kentucky

Chapter A January 2026



Officers and Staff:

Chapter Directors: **Kent and Karen Risen**

Assistant Chapter Directors: **Ray and Angela Taylor**

Webmaster: **Kent Risen**

Ride Coordinator: **Dean Miller**

Membership Enhancement Coordinator: **Miles Justice**

Treasurer: **Brenda Snook**

Newsletter Editor: **Karen Risen**

Patches\Shirt Coordinator: **Alice Scifres**

Couple of the Year: **Miles Justice and Mark St John**

Individual of the Year: **Chanel Blue**





Director's Track

Five years ago, I received a call from Ray Taylor, who shared that he would be taking over leadership of our local GWRRA chapter and invited me to attend the next meeting. Now, five years later, Karen and I are honored to step into the role of chapter directors.

Ray and Angela have done an exceptional job leading the chapter. Their dedication and leadership created countless opportunities to build friendships and enjoy many memorable experiences together. We are sincerely grateful to Ray and Angela for all they have contributed to the chapter.

We look forward to many great rides and events in 2026!

Kent and Karen Risen



Assistant Director's Track

After 5 years as Director of Kentucky Road Riders Chapter A Louisville, Angela and I have now decided to step down from that position. We will now assume position of assistant directors.

Being Chapter Directors was very rewarding but easy due to the fantastic members who were always willing to accept the responsibilities for the entities that go along with being a great and respected Chapter. We both have truly loved being a part of such a great organization both at the Chapter and State levels.

Kent and Karen Risen have accepted the Director's position. They are a perfect match for the position based on their talents, their love of riding and their love of people. In their former positions at the Chapter and State levels they have proven to be outstanding participants and managers of all functions of our great organization.

I know that all members are very pleased that they accepted the Director's position and are looking for great things to happen with our group.

With the help of all our great members, they will take our chapter to even greater prominence as we go forward.

Some had mentioned concern that Angela and I may fade away from participation in the Chapter. I can guarantee that as long as I can get up on the bike even if I have to have Angela's assistance, we will be participating in the Chapter as well as being out there riding with our great friends.

Please drive safely and we will see you out on the road soon.

Ray & Angela Taylor



Ride Coordinator Dean Miller

Miles and I have always been thrilled to be involved with Chapter A. In part because of all the wonderful people we've gotten to know along the way but also because of all the incredible rides and events we've been able to enjoy thanks to the hard work and dedication of the previous ride coordinators.

Dean Miller
I have to say that even though 2025 was not an especially good year for motorcycle riding in and around Kentucky these last 5 years have been filled with an enormous amount of awesome twisties and some of the most incredibly delicious food around! We, along with Mark and Lora of course, are excited and maybe a bit nervous to be stepping into the role of Chapter A Ride Coordinators for this coming year. Our plan for 2026 is not only to revisit some of the great places we've been in the past but also to find some new unique places to grab a bite to eat and hopefully discover a few new curves that we haven't experienced yet. Here's wishing everyone health, safety, and happy riding in 2026!

Dean, Lora, Miles, & Mark



Chapter A Membership Enhancement Miles Justice

Hello Chapter A! With the holidays taking center stage these past few weeks, there is not much to report on the MEP side. Hopefully, everyone had a great holiday season filled with time with friends and loved ones. If you have not done so already, we highly encourage everyone to register for the Winter Warm Up event taking place on January 30 and 31. It is a great way to kick off the new year with your KRR family. As always, there will be learning opportunities and plenty of information shared as well as lots of fun and fellowship. Friday night will feature a pizza party and game night along with live music by the Charitables, the band that performed at last year's Blast. Saturday evening will consist of the Kentucky Olympics and a chicken dinner catered by KFC. We hope to see you there!

While it might seem a little early to think about the riding season, it will be here before you know it. In order to get folks out and riding, the Copycat Challenge will kick off at our March meeting. In addition to that, there will be both a state-wide KRR riding challenge and a Chapter A season-long challenge. These will most likely be introduced in April. Hopefully, this will keep everyone engaged and having fun during 2026!

Miles, Mark, Dean & Lora

2026 Chapter Visits:

January 11, 2026, visit to Chapter S in Elizabethtown, KY



Editor's desk Karen Risen

Happy 2026 Chapter A!!! It's the Year of the Horse in the Chinese Zodiac, and not just the horse, the Fire Horse. The year of the Fire Horse occurs once every 60 years! It begins on February 17th, 2026, and represents a rare and powerful combination. It's known for its dynamic energy, passion,

and bold changes just like Chapter A Ya'll!!

The Fire Horse makes me think of horsepower and all of us out riding our motorcycles. Let's hope we have a great riding season and a safe Happy New Year with maybe a little fieriness thrown in to spice things up!!

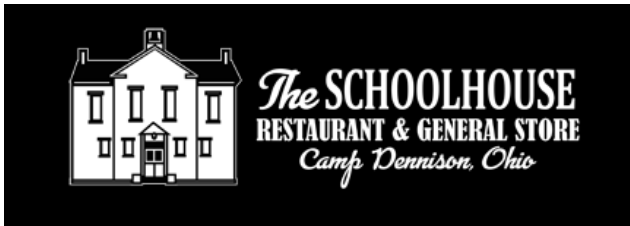
And after all that riding and smoldering don't forget to submit all those pictures and articles about your adventures to the Newsletter so everyone can see all the fun we have and the great places we go!!

The Newsletter is here to keep the members of Chapter A informed. Thanks to our members who contribute to the Newsletter each month!



2025/2026 Chapter A Ride Schedule:

Come join us Saturday January 17 for our Planning Meeting 2pm at the Firehouse 10217 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40223 where we'll talk about our rides for the year!!



The Schoolhouse Restaurant & General Store-Camp Dennison, OH



Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor and Museum- Columbus, IN

Kentucky River Rambler Railway and Underground Railroad-Spring 2026



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:





**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State
Directors



Kentucky State Events:

2026 Ky State Events:

Ky State Winter Warm up-January 30th&31st

Winter Warm up will be held once again at the Courthouse in Burlington, Ky. A block of rooms is available at Comfort Suites Florence-Cincinnati South. The address is 5905 Merchants Street Florence, Ky 41042. The Rate is \$99 per night, please mention "KY Road Riders" for this rate. Cut off for this rate is January 23rd so get er done!!!

Ky Ride In June 5th&6th-hosted by Chapter C in Lexington, Ky-
info coming soon

Ky Blast August 13th-15th is back at General Butler State
Park- info coming soon

For more info visit the KRR website: kyroadriders.org



**Kentucky Road
Riders
Winter Warm Up
2026**



KY Olympics

When: Saturday, January 31, 2026, 5:30pm - 10pm

Where: Burlington Historical Courthouse, 2988 Washington St, Burlington, KY 41005

Hotel: Comfort Suites, 5905 Merchants St., Florence, KY 41042

Rooms \$99.00 per night, includes full breakfast buffet, pets are welcome and indoor swimming pool

Reservation cut off is January 23, 2026

Group Name: KY Road Riders Group Number AK73T5

2026 is the Winter Olympics for the world....Why not have our own
Winter Olympics KRR style?

Opening Ceremonies, Team Selection, Teams Dinner, Games, Awards and Closing Ceremonies will keep us busy all night long

Dinner: Kentucky Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Biscuits, Dessert and Drinks

Cost is \$25.00 per person

Friday Night, January 30th - Pizza Party and the Charitables Band – 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Cost is \$5.00 per person

Please circle your pizza toppings: Pepperoni – Sausage – Onions – Green Peppers – Mushrooms – Green Olives – Black Olives – Banana Peppers – Ham – Pineapple – Plain Cheese

Registration Information

Friday Night Pizza Party \$5.00 x _____ Saturday Night Olympics & Dinner \$25.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Rider: _____ Rider/Co-Rider: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

State/Chapter: _____

Make Checks payable to: Kentucky Road Riders.

Mail Registrations to: Rick and Leah Cridlin, 1601 Drake Ct., Hebron, KY 41048 PH: 859-534-5292

Venmo - @Leah-Cridlin

I/We agree to confirm and comply with the ideas governing this event and we further agree to hold harmless JMC Rider, co-sponsoring organizations or any property owner(s) for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason of/or participation in the event. I/We agree to assume responsibility for any property which we damage or destroy. I/We have read and understand these terms.

Rider: _____ Rider/Co-Rider: _____ Date: _____



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**
State Educator

State Educator's Report

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a nice Holiday season. I do a lot of thinking and planning from inside this time of year, due to the less than favorable weather for going and doing things outside. One of my normal goals is to not make the same mistake twice. I believe those who do not learn about the past are doomed to repeat it. So, I think about what I have done during this past year and apply what I have learned while making plans for this year.

I also like to learn about the thing's others have done, especially in areas of interest to me, such as motorcycling and vehicle maintenance. Examining the thought processes that others use to solve problems helps me to solve my own problems. And the internet is full of "influencers" and "bloggers" who are perfectly willing to share their experiences, both good and bad, for all to read and see. Even professional sites like Linked in have people willing to share stories that teach lessons. The following is one such story I find very inciteful.

*A little bird was flying South for the Winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came and sh*t on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was beginning to thaw him out! He lay there all warm and happy and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung and promptly dug him out and ate him. There are three things to take away from this story:*

- 1. Not everyone who sh*ts on you is your enemy.*
- 2. Not everyone who gets you out of sh*t is your friend.*
- 3. And when you are in deep sh*t, you would be better served if you kept your mouth shut!*

I am looking forward to another year filled with fun and discovery.

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 January 10th. We had a nice turn out with visitors from Chapter G. January and February are double points month for visitation for all chapters so it's always nice to see that happening. It was great seeing everyone to kick off the new year!



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



50/50 Winners: Karen Risen \$14



Steve Snook \$13



Marble Game:

John Eicher from Chapter G had the winning ticket for the marble game but did not draw the winning marble. Better luck next time!!



Happy Birthday! Birthdays:



Miles Justice February 17th



Anniversaries:





Dean's: “Did You Know?”

There are many holidays and events celebrating motorcycles throughout the year?

Here is a list of some 2026 motorcycle holidays:

- May - **Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month** - entire month is for educating drivers to share the road and promoting safe riding habits
- 05/02 - **International Female Ride Day** - celebrating women motorcyclists world wide
- 05/17 - **Distinguished Gentleman's Day** - men dress up and ride to raise money for men's mental health and prostate cancer
- 06/15 - **National Ride to Work Day** - promoting motorcycles as a practical mode of transportation
- 06/21 - **World Motorcycling Day** - celebrating the summer solstice which enables riders to enjoy the longest riding day of the year
- 07/10 - **National Motorcycle Day** - promoting community and adventure among riders, clubs, and the industry
- 10/10 - **National Motorcycle Ride Day** - A worldwide event for riders to unite for a day to enjoy the freedom of the road
- 11/12 - **National Motorcycle Awareness Day** - to educate drivers to be vigilant and on the look out for motorcycles

Some of the major events for 2026 include:

Daytona Bike Week, Daytona Beach, FL (celebrating its 85th anniversary)
February 27th thru March 8th

Myrtle Beach Spring Rally, Myrtle Beach, FL
May 8th - 17th

Black Wall Street Rally, Tulsa, OK
May 14th - 16th

The Black Pearl Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival, Atlantic Beach, SC
May 21st - 24th (considered the 4th largest bike festival in the U.S.)

Americade, Lake George, NY
May 27th - 30th

Laconia Motorcycle Week, Laconia, NH (celebrating its 103 year)
June 13th - 21st

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis, SD
August 7th - 16th

Oyster Run Motorcycle Rally, Anacortes, WA (its 43rd annual one day event)
September 27th

Biketoberfest, Daytona, FL
October 15th - 18th

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).

Traveling Plaque

Traveling Plaque Location:

Chapter G has the Traveling Plaque. It will be available at their next gathering on 1/13/2026. They meet at the Acapulco Mexican Bar & Grill 7718 US-42, Florence, KY. They eat at 6pm and meet at 7pm.

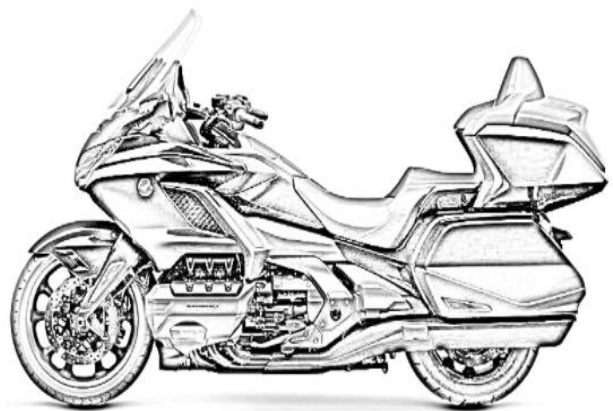
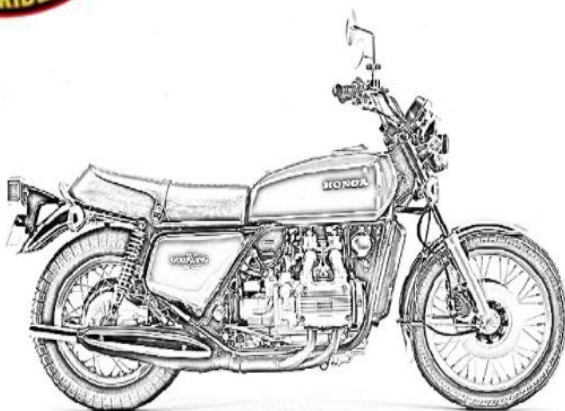


Traveling Plaque Rules can be found by clicking [here](#)



[Check out our Webpage:chaptera.org](http://chaptera.org)

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KRR Chapter Meetings all around Kentucky:



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
Acapulco Mexican Grill & Bar, 7718 US 42, Florence, KY 41042. Come eat starting at 5:30pm—Meet at 7pm.



Chapter K—Henderson

Meets 1st Saturday
Echo Lanes
1698 Second St.
Henderson, KY 42420
Meet at 12:30am (CT)— Eat at 1:00pm (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

No Longer meets



Chapter T — Paintsville



Chapter Y—Mayfield

Meets 1st Thursday
Majestic Family Restaurant
700 S 6th St
Mayfield, KY 42066
Eat at 6:00pm—Meet 7:00 (CT)



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