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KENTUCKY ROAD RIDERS STATE NEWSLETTER



KENTUCKY

Inside Kentucky

IT'S HERE!!!!!!



It's Spring in Kentucky! The long awaited season has finally arrived. The trees are budding with leaves, early flowers are blossoming, young foals are appearing on the horse farms, and the fields are spotted with little calves taking their first steps.



And as magical as all those sights may be, what really gets us excited is to open those garage doors and roll our bikes out for the very first time.



Excitement builds with the first swipe of the microfiber, gently dusting off the winter, bringing out that beautiful shine.



A smile appears as the first ray of sunshine reflects off the chrome.



Anticipation is in the air as you complete T-CLOCS



And FINALLY!!! That first ride! Oh what a feeling to be back in the saddle again.

RIDE SAFE AND LONG KENTUCKY!

Links of Interest

KY State:
www.kyroadriders.org

JMC Rider

[https://jmc Corp.com/
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State Directors Report



Rick and Leah Cridlin

Kentucky State Directors

Welcome to spring Kentucky! I have been waiting rather impatiently for this time of year. Spring feels like a renewal for me as it is finally time when we aren't so cooped up inside, because it is too cold outside to enjoy all the fun things we enjoy. I wrote last month's article prior to heading out on a ride south, where I spent a couple of days in Pigeon Forge, TN riding the smokies and then heading to Florida for Bike Week. I am very happy to report that it was a great trip! I left home prior to predicted bad weather, and was able to avoid it during my whole trip. I didn't see any rain, but it did rain overnight on the first evening in Tennessee. The bike was covered and only required a little wipe down to start the day.

. I spent some time at Bike Week enjoying Honda and Indian Demo rides, visiting the vendors, and soaking up the gorgeous weather. I am pleased to report that I didn't find anything that I couldn't live without, which pretty much verified that I have everything on the new bike that I think I need. I did get a couple of t-shirts, and checked out the local Honda Powersport dealer, where I thought it couldn't hurt to ask if they could do the 8,000 mile service that my bike was due. To my surprise, they took care of me on the spot. I am a stickler for getting the scheduled service on all my bikes, and the thought of being over a thousand miles past due was eating at me. I was so relieved to be able to get it taken care of, and I had a really enjoyable visit at the dealership. I met a local Navy veteran, who was getting his bike serviced, and had a really nice talk. He was decked out in leather from head to toe, and had pins all over the place, including all over his boots and chaps. I don't think he weighed 100 pounds soaking wet, but when it comes to being a biker, he is the real-deal. He lives and breathes it, and told me that he hasn't owned a car in over 10 years. He owns a Suzuki Boulevard and rides it everywhere.

There was an idea tossed around at the Winter Warm-Up of having a state campout at location with a lodge and/or local hotels, and that idea has been turned into a reality, which will be held in Cave City. Leah added an article giving the details, so I encourage you to check it out in this newsletter. I'm going to use the campground as a base to ride and visit quite a few of the state ride around the world in Kentucky locations in my pursuit to complete the whole challenge. Reflecting back on when the Blast was held in Cave City I'm reminded of some great riding along with quite a few good places to eat. This is another great way to get out and enjoy some riding and spending time with friends from all over the state. I hope you will consider joining us.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Stay safe!

State Assistant Directors Report



Dan and Rita Bondourant

Kentucky State Assistant

Well Spring is getting close and we are starting to do a lot more riding with all the warm days we have had. Unfortunately I know we will have more cold and bad weather. But we can start getting out and visiting others and other Chapters, at least setting up Chapter Rides for later on. Looking forward to the Ride In and some great rides and sites to see.

State Educators Report



Rick and Kim Artmayer

State Educators

Many new things start in the month of April. In our part of the country, flora and fauna both begin to appear for this year's growing season. The world of motorcycling is no different. And this year we find news that may interest us all.

Honda is filing a patent request for an adaptive cruise control. You know, the kind like in many new cars that can sense the speed of the vehicle ahead and adjust to keep a set following distance without driver input. They have been experimenting with electrically assisted steering. They currently have the most advanced automatic transmission in motorcycling. And there are also rumors that they have a joint project with the Segway company, the self-balancing scooter that tourists and police officers use in urban environments.

What could all this mean for the Gold Wing? With their target market being the long-distance touring crowd, I propose that Honda will introduce the first self-driving motorcycle. Can you imagine our next group ride? We all get out on the interstate, set the cruise control, lean back, and start texting with family and friends, watching movies, or catching up on business emails. Think of the efficiency!

The Kentucky Road Riders is also organizing an on-bike training course for two and three wheeled bikes in May this year. Details to follow.



State Member Enhancement Report

Dean & Lora Miller, Miles Justice & Mark St John

State MEC

While Miles and Mark are out traveling the world, why not join in for a little Kentucky traveling fun. With riding season just beginning, you may find yourself feeling the urge to ride without plans. The “Around The World In Kentucky” ride challenge gives the perfect opportunity to get out and ride anytime! Check it out on page 8 & 9 , and get out there and explore Kentucky!!



State Ride Coordinators



**Bruce and
Kathy Hensley**

State Ride Coordinators

Well, this roller coaster ride that has been our spring weather seems to be finally leveling off. With spring comes mild weather, intermittent rain showers, lots of animals either out courting or moving from one location to another to avoid farm equipment that is already on the road doing farmwork so that we can feed the world. With that we have a great crop of spring potholes and cracked and broken concrete from the bouts of severe weather that Kentucky was subjected to during the winter.

With that we get to witness the beauty of nature unfolding during these spring rides. Trees and flowers blooming, the world waking up and shedding its winter coat and transforming from brown to green right before our eyes.

So, we have many things to watch out for during our spring rides! Hopefully, we have all completed our spring checklists to make sure our machines and gear are in order.

This is looking to be a very busy riding season for most chapters. Lots of rides with multiple trips already planned as well as day rides.

New for this season is a Summer Camping trip (see below for more details). Thanks Rick & Leah for planning this trip!



Don't Forget the T-CLOCS

T - Tires and Wheels: Check pressure, tread, wear, and bearings.

C - Controls: Inspect levers, pedals, cables, and throttle for smooth operation.

L - Lights and Electrics: Verify headlights, signals, and brake lights work properly.

O - Oil and Other Fluids: Check levels of engine oil, brake fluid, and coolant.

C - Chassis and Chain: Inspect frame, suspension, and chain tension/lubrication.

S - Stands: Ensure side stand and center stand are secure.



State Campfires & Comforters Tour

The State Camping trip has been confirmed!!

Campfires & Comforters Tour

July 24 - 26, 2026

Leah Cridlin

State Cruise Director

Campground:

Cave City RV Campground

216 Gaunce Dr.

Cave City, KY 42127

270-773-4678

The campground is holding a block of campsites for us. Please call to make your reservations and mention Kentucky Road Riders.

The rate is \$58.50 per night.

Two motorcycle campers can share a site. Only one person should call to make the reservation. The block will only be held until April 11th. The only reason there is a block is because half the campground is already booked.

Two Hotels are right next to the campground.

Hampton Inn Cave City

803 Sanders St

Cave City, KY 42127

270-773-7300

Rates start at \$180 per night

Comfort Inn & Suites Cave City

819 Sanders St

Cave City, KY 42127

270-261-4053

Rates start at \$137.00 per night

There are other hotels in the area, but these are the two next to the campground. No blocks are reserved, this is a make your own reservation kind of trip.

Rick is going to make our reservation from July 23-26. He plans to ride Friday(24th) and Saturday(25th) to as many "thumbs up" spots as possible on the Around the World in Kentucky 2026 Ride Challenge. You can ride as much or as little as you wish on this trip.

If you plan to join us on this first Campfires & Comforters Tour, please let us know. We are looking forward to riding and hanging out with you!



What's Happening with JMC Rider

Riding season is upon us. Don't forget to prepare for whatever the road may throw at you. Your JMC Rider membership will get you a deep discount on a Motorcycle Tow Package . <https://www.mts-towing.com/> Use promo code JMC-TOW .



NEW
BT6
HELMET HEADSET

The advertisement features a red background. On the left, there are two motorcycles: a red one in the foreground and a silver one behind it. The JMC logo is at the bottom left. On the right, there are two inset images showing motorcycle instrument clusters. Below these is a large image of the BT6 helmet headset, which is black with a purple light-up display and a microphone.

John Lazzaroni

JMC Rider Founder

Join the conversation





Kentucky Ride-In

June 5 & 6, 2026

Hosted by: Chapter C, Lexington, KY

Choose your ride experience, reunite with friends and make new ones!
Venue: Immanuel Baptist Church, 4451 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509

Accommodations:

Host Campground: Make your reservations for **Kentucky Horse Park** on-line through Reserve America.

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 100 Winchester Plaza, Winchester, KY 40391. The room rate is \$159.00 + tax per night.
859-795-8050 Block: Kentucky Road Riders

Thursday, June 5th – Dinner 6:00pm, at **Ramsey’s Diner**, 3090 Helmsdale Pl, Lexington, KY 40509, Dinner is pay as you go, **bring cash**. Estimated cost per person is \$30 per person + dessert. Short Chapter Y meeting for those in attendance.

Friday Activities, June 5th

- 8:00am - Registration/Check in
- Ride Departure times to be announced
- 3:00pm - Wingo
- 5:00pm – 50/30/20 Drawing
- 6:00pm – Dinner catered by Sonny’s BBQ

Saturday Activities, June 6th

- 8:00am - Registration/Check in
- Ride Departure times to be announced
- 3:00pm - Wingo
- 4:15pm – Prize Drawing/50/30/20 Drawing/Closing
- 5:00pm – Snacks and Chapter K Gathering

Registration: \$25.00 per person Kentucky Road Rider Member
\$30.00 per person non Kentucky Road Rider

Registration includes Guided and Self-Guided Ride Information, Friday night dinner, Snacks for Chapter K Gathering on Saturday.

Mail Registration to:

Rick and Leah Cridlin, 1601 Drake Ct, Hebron, KY 41048, 859-534-5292

Makes checks payable to: Kentucky Road Riders

Contact Luanne Williams (treasurer@kyroadriders.org) for payment by credit or Venmo @Leah-Cridlin

Rider: _____ Rider/Co-Rider: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Chapter: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

****Times and activities are subject to change based on weather and the Governors Guidance due to COVID 19****

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

Rider: _____ Date: _____

Rider/Co-Rider: _____ Date: _____

Around the World in Kentucky

Welcome to the 2026 State-wide Challenge – KRR Around the World in Kentucky! It is simple to play and hopefully includes something for everyone. Everyone who wants to participate will receive a location list of 29 Kentucky cities. Each of these cities correspond to one in another country – the countries are also included on the list. The objective of the Challenge is to visit each city and snap a picture. The specific address for the location to visit is also provided on the list. In almost all instances, it is the local post office. For those few cities that do not have a post office, an alternative location has been picked and the address for those places are included on the list. Once you reach the indicated address, simply snap a pic with your face and thumb up in front of the designated building. While this is intended to be a riding Challenge, we recognize that, for a variety of reasons, some of our KRR friends will not be riding this season or at least not as much. Therefore, please feel free to complete some or all of the Challenge in your automobile.

Once you have collected all 29 pics, email those to mepc@kyroadriders.org. If the image files are too large for a single email, feel free to send in multiple messages. Just be sure to notate the city number or numbers in the subject of each message – i.e. KRR Around the World in Kentucky Challenge - #5-#11.

The Challenge will run from the Winter Warm Up (January 30th & 31st) until midnight Saturday, August 8th. The winner will be randomly selected from all completed entries received by that date and be announced at the Blast at General Butler State Park August 13-15. Compete to win a sweet prize – a \$50 gift card – but more importantly for bragging rights. We had a good bit of participation in 2025 and are hoping for even more this year! The Challenge List will be available on the KRR Website, on the KRR Facebook Page and via email from mepc@kyroadriders.org. Additionally, hardcopies will be available at the Winter Warm Up and from your Chapter MEPC.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues, please contact Miles, Mark, Dean and Lora at mepc@kyroadriders.org. Thanks in advance for playing. Have a great time!

KRR AROUND THE WORLD IN KENTUCKY

	COUNTRY	CITY	TARGET LOCATION		COUNTRY	CITY	TARGET LOCATION
1	Ireland	Jamestown	66 Fair Oaks Dr Jamestown, KY 42629	16	El Salvador	Union	1664 Frogtown Rd Union, KY 41091
2	Germany	Frankfort (Frankfurt)	1303 US Hwy 127S, Ste 100 Frankfort, KY 40601	17	Isreal	Hebron	1684 Petersburg Rd Hebron, KY 41048
3	Wales	Newport	420 Columbia St Newport, KY 41071	18	Canada	Bloomfield (Ontario)	131 Taylorsville Rd Bloomfield, KY 40008
4	Greece	Berea (Beroea)	222 Glades Rd Berea, KY 40403	19	England	Walton (Liverpool)	52 S Main St Walton, KY 41094
5	Ireland	Franklin	619 N Main St Franklin, KY 42134	20	Scotland	Irvine	230 Main St Irvine, KY 40336
6	Palestine	Bethlehem	3946 Bethlehem Rd Bethlehem, KY 40007	21	Canada	Benton (New Brunswick)	219 W 5th St Benton, KY 42025
7	Australia	Albany	401 N Cross St Albany, KY 42602	22	New Zealand	Russell	517 Boyd St Russell, KY 41169
8	Singapore	Hillview (Bukit Batok)	175 Tanyard Springs Blvd Hillview, KY 40129	23	Australia	Marion (South Australia)	128 E Carlisle St Marion, KY 42064
9	England	Philpot (Thurston)	6028 KY-54 Philpot, KY 42366	24	Bahamas	Providence	107 E Main St Providence, KY 42450
10	Jamaica	Falmouth	201 W Shelby St Falmouth, KY 41040	25	France	Paris	201 W 8th St, Ste 105 Paris, KY 40361
11	Poland	Warsaw	301 E Main St Warsaw, KY 41095	26	Scotland	Galgow	201 Columbia Ave Glasgow, KY 42141
12	Italy	Naples	Huff's Gas Station Naples, KY 41121	27	Spain	Cadiz	72 Lakota Dr Cadiz, KY 42211
13	Egypt	Alexandria	6933 E Alexandria Pike Alexandria, KY 41001	28	England	Manchester	309 Clay Cnty Shopping Cnt Manchester, KY 40962
14	Iraq	Bagdad	5811 Elmbug Rd Bagdad, KY 40003	29	Lithuania	Oak Grove	15124 Fort Campbell Blvd Oak Grove, KY 42262
15	England	Paducah (Farley)	3160 Irvin Cobb Dr Paducah, KY 42003	Email mepc@kyroadriders.org with any questions or completed Challenge Entries Challenge ends Saturday, August 8th @ Midnight			

For Sale

NEW PRICE!!!!

Garage kept 2014 Honda GL1800 Audio Comfort Goldwing with Roadsmith trike kit. With only 60,195 miles, this flat on gloss black finish is a sleek looking bike. Rear tires have less than 500 miles, new battery, fresh oil change, and all maintenance records including the 48,000 mile service. Wired with XM satellite receiver and GPS. Vortex windshield. Asking \$23,000 or best offer. His & hers intercom and stereo wired helmets also available at \$350 each or \$600 for both.



Come see this one!

Call 859-750-4328



For Sale

Honda Goldwing 2002, 1800cc, 96128 miles, - \$5500.00 Illusion Red, excellent condition, serviced ready to ride.

Contact Charlie Hobbs—859-802-6931

New front tire at 94891 miles, replaced hydraulic fluids at same service. rear tire at 84845 miles (service papers with bike). Lots of chrome, hand guards, mounted GPS, CB, highway pegs, belly pan, Honda service Manuel, 2 half covers, dust cover, front tie down strap. I would not hesitate to take this bike on a cross country trip. If wanted a spare rear end assembly from a trike conversion.



For Sale

2000 Goldwing 1500SE 25th Anniversary Special Edition

This well kept bike runs great and has only 53,000 miles. Asking \$4500.00

For more information contact Kevin Donohoo (859)620-5758

or email at khdonohoo@twc.com.



NEW PRICE!!!

2012 Lee-sure Lite Excel Camper

Extras include: A/C kit with new A/C, factory foam mattress plus a queen size air mattress, extended hitch with large mobility wheel, fiberglass front pod for storage, full travel cover (black), rain cover, new awning with poles. All canvas screen and zippers in great shape and body and mechanics in great condition.

Asking \$4000.00 Call 859-750-4328



Goldwing for Sale

2007 with 53,000 miles, owner is asking \$12,000 for the bike and trailer. His number is 618-294-1399



Goldwing for Sale

2010 Goldwing Motorcycle For Sale, Comfort Audio ABS and airbag. Excellent condition. 19,900 miles. Garage kept every day. Blue Book Value is \$11,500, but I will accept any reasonable offer. Must see to appreciate. If interested, contact Tom (Luanne's brother). Phone number: (513) 236-7242 (text or call).



Touring

2010 Honda Gold Wing

Which Style Are You Interested In?

Style
ABS Audio / Comfort / Navigation

Trade-In Value	Typical Listing Price
	\$11,575
	In Good Condition with typical mileage ⓘ
	when trading in at a dealership
	Standard engine specs: 6-Cylinders, 4-Stroke, 183



2004 Honda Shadow Aero for Sale

The 2004 Honda Shadow Aero 750 is a cruiser motorcycle known for its shaft drive, a 745cc liquid-cooled V-twin engine, and a low 24" saddle height, offering a comfortable and stylish riding experience. Handlebar CB , backrest, and luggage rack included. This is a fun and easy to ride cruiser. Asking \$3000 For more information, contact Donita by text at 859-391-9863 or by email at donitarenzo@gmail.com



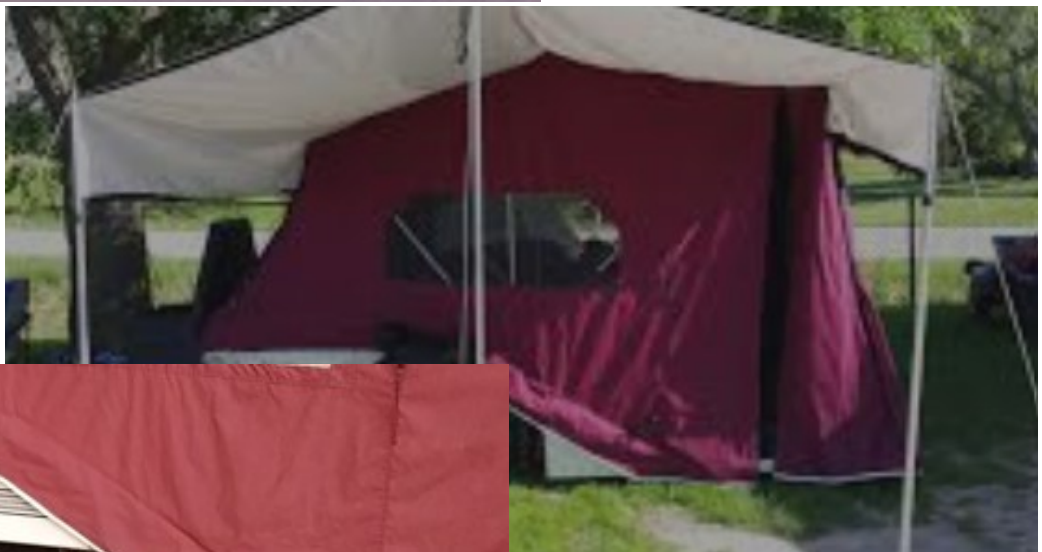
Well-Loved Lee-sure Lite Camper

Plastic front pod for storage and storage box underneath / Rain guard / Good Tires/ Awning / Custom Camper cover included

Asking \$3200.00

Contact Pam by **text** at (859)750-8901

Or by **email** at hainespm7035@gmail.com



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Our Kentucky Chapters

CHAPTER	MEETING DAY	TIME	LOCATION	WEBSITE
	2nd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7 Louisville, KY 40065	http://chaptera.org
	3rd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd. Lexington, KY 40509	www.kybluegrasswings.org/
	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm Eat 7:00 pm Meet	Acapulco Mexican Grill & Bar, 7718 US 42, Florence, KY 41042.	www.chapterg.org/
	1st Saturday	12:30 (CT) Meet 1:00 (CT) Eat	Echo Lanes 1698 Second St. Henderson, KY 42420	
	2nd Sunday	4:00 pm Eat 5:00 Meet	Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701	
	1st Thursday	6:00 pm Eat CST 7:00 pm Meet CST	Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th Street Mayfield, KY 42066	www.freewebs.com/yducks/

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Ride Safe

Be Safe

Visitation is on!

**We can't wait to see you at
the next gathering!**

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.kyroadriders.org



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Please join/like the Kentucky Road Riders members page on Facebook. Here you will get last minute information/ news about upcoming events and chat with fellow members.

You will also learn about upcoming rides.

