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KENTUCKY ROAD RIDERS STATE NEWSLETTER



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Inside Kentucky

It's Time To Have A BLAST!!!

The Blast is finally HERE! We hope you have made arrangements to make your way to General Butler State Park even if it's just for a day. The Blast Committee has been very busy making sure that everyone will have a great time! Please come down and enjoy it!!



Links of Interest

KY State:
www.kyroadriders.org

Wing'D Rider

[https://
wingdrider.com/](https://wingdrider.com/)

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State Directors Report



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State Directors

Greetings Kentucky and welcome to August, the month we look forward to all year. Why is that you may ask? Of course it is because August is the month for the Blast! Each year, the State Staff works hard behind the scenes to bring you, the member, a memorable experience, and this year is no different. The creative talent of so many of our staff never ceases to amaze me, and I often wonder where they come up with some of the things they do. The enthusiasm they bring to their jobs is uncanny, and all they ask for in return is your participation. That is all we ask for and is the motivation for everything we do throughout each year. Are you planning to attend? If so, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If not, we wonder why not? What can we do to make it more attractive to you? Have you shared those thoughts with anyone? Leah and I, as well as our staff, welcome your comments and will do our best to address any concerns you may have.

As the riding season progresses, how have you been doing? Are you riding as much as you would like to? I hope the answer is yes. I believe for myself that I have been keeping pace with recent years, but I know that there have been a lot of planned activities I have missed due to family events. Our grandkids are so involved with sports and other activities, most of which occur on weekends and conflict with planned riding events. I'm sure that many of you know firsthand what I am talking about. I try to make a plan and set some goals at the beginning of each year and do my best to make them happen. The state events are a given (Ops Meeting, Ride-In, and The Blast), but I also make a concentrated effort to make at least one visit to every chapter, which means getting my Passport completed. It seemed to take a little longer to complete this year, but I am proud to say that I got my last chapter director's initials in July. I've heard so many different comments when it comes to visiting other chapters, but for me it has always been something I enjoy. Visiting other chapters has allowed me to meet so many wonderful people, while at the same time giving me an excuse to ride, with a destination and a meal. Chapter life is one of the biggest benefits of being a member, and an added bonus is that you are welcome to participate with any chapter. There is a lot going on throughout Kentucky, so visit our website often to see what is going on and come on out and have some fun!

Leah and I hope to see you all at the Blast August 14-16.

Ride safe,



Assistant Directors Report



**Dan and Rita
Bondurant**

Assistant Directors

Well it won't belong now till the 2025 KY BLAST and we hope you're making plans to attend. Sounds like Rick and Leah have a lot of fun things planned for everyone. For the last couple of weeks we have been having 110-115 HEAT INDEX so the riding has been slim. Chapter Y did do a Giant City State Park ride in Cages for Family Style Fried Chicken with all the trimmings!! Then we rode over to the Chocolate Factory for some hand dipped ice cream and chocolate. Hey it's all about the Food and Friends right??? Hope we have some cooler and dryer temps for the Blast this year, the last 2 years have been ruff and if it wasn't the heat it would be raining.

Please keep hydrated anytime your outside doing ANYTHING!!

As always if you see a bike out somewhere invite them to come ride with us. Who knows it may be your new best friend!!

That's all from the West this month.

State Ride Coordinators



**Bruce and
Kathy Hensley**

State Ride Coordinators

Well, what can I say, we are in the middle of our riding season and the heat and humidity is in full swing as well. The oppressive heat with heat indexes into the triple digits makes it difficult and sometimes dangerous to plan a ride.

Plan accordingly. Drink water and electrolyte drinks, even if you don't think you are thirsty. Carry cooling rags and use them. More frequent stops and longer rest times are needed and watch each other closely for signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion or other maladies that can be brought on by this excessive heat.

We all know what to do in this weather, we just have to implement our training. Above all, be safe and watch out for each other.



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**

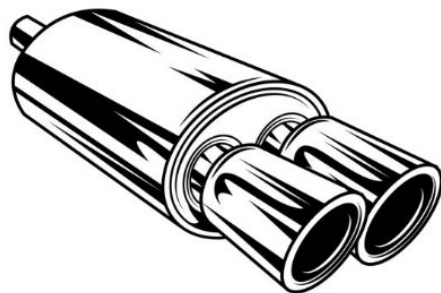
State Educators

State Educators 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.





John Keiter

State Pins and Patches

State Pins and Patches

Happy Summer!

Since it's now August, that means it's time for the Kentucky Blast I really hope you all are planning on attending. It's gonna be a great time! We have been to the venue and unanimously agree that it's top notch.

Camping is very close and the lodge is within walking distance - come join us

There's lots of nice riding in the area and you surely can't miss all that.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget your hearing protection; you only have two ears and you need to make sure that they work well!



State Member Enhancement

Hello, Kentucky Road Riders! We hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy some wind therapy this past month. It is hard to believe that the Blast is only a couple of weeks away. Where did summer go? We will be gathering at General Butler State Park August 14th – 16th for the Blast. Here's hoping the temperatures are a little more moderate. We will once again be hosting On-bike games on Thursday evening along with the ice cream social in the parking lot at the lodge. Dean and Lora are bringing back favorite games from last year and debuting a new one as well. In addition to the Blast, we will get to enjoy some Fall riding on the big KRR state ride being planned by our State Ride Coordinators Bruce and Kathy Hensley for October. Finally, a quick reminder that the KRR Bingo Challenge end on August 9th. Remember that you only have to complete one line of 9 in any direction – across, down, or diagonally – for a chance to win the grand prize. Send your pics of the Bingo objects to mepc@kyroadriders.org by Saturday, 8/9, to allow time for the entries to be verified and a winner to be selected prior to the Blast. Enjoy your summer riding and stay safe!



Dean Miller

State MEC

State Member Enhancement

Everyone who rides a motorcycle (and most that don't) have

heard of The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally held every August in Sturgis, South Dakota. August 1st, 2025 kicks off the 85th annual event and if you're like me and love to see women who ride you'll be very happy to hear that the Grand Marshal this year 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. Sturgis Mayor, Kevin Forrester said "Gloria embodies everything the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally stands for — freedom, tradition, and the unbreakable bond between rider and road. Her legacy has paved the way for riders across the Country, especially women in motorcycling. It is an incredible honor to have her lead the 85th Rally,"

In 1946 she became one of the early members of the Motor Maids which was the first and now the oldest continuously operated Women's Motorcycling Organization in North America. In 2011 she was inducted into the Sturgis Hall of fame and in 2016 she was inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame.

Gloria Tramontin Struck said she was truly honored to be named Grand Marshal. This woman is definitely an amazing inspiration for ALL riders as can be seen in this post from the Midwest Women Riders NFP FB page:

Here is an update on Gloria Tramontin Struck from her daughter Lori DeSilva regarding the upcoming schedule for Gloria's 100th Birthday celebration.

First off, Mom is fine. Regarding her 100th Birthday Ride from NJ to CA, we had to make the painful decision to cancel the ride in mom's best interest. We pray for your understanding. God willing, she will be flying to Sturgis.

Attending:

Monday, Aug 4: Sturgis Museum Celebrating Women

Tuesday, Aug 5: Biker Belles Ride. Deadwood to Buffalo Chip

Wednesday, Aug 6: Sturgis Hall of Fame Breakfast in Deadwood

We all hope to see you there!!

Safe travels.



State Couple of the Year



Jim and Kay Bryan

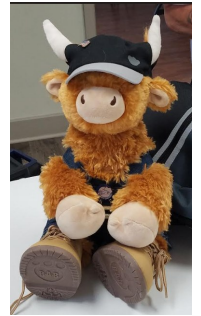
State Couple of the Year

Hello from the West end of the state!

Time flies when you are having fun. We do hope that the Couple of the Year for each Chapter are enjoying their year. I know that Debi and Tony from Chapter K was having a great time prior to Tony's health problems. By looking at him today, there is evidence that prayers can work miracles and the love of Debi by his side daily has helped Tony toward his recovery.

For those COY's, just remember that you were selected because of your contributions to your Chapter and because your Chapter felt you would make the most of it and have fun in your travels, especially if you were lucky enough to have Bernie to travel with you. For those who have been asked and never accepted your Chapter's offer to represent the Chapter as Couple of the Year, step up and accept it if offered. Even if you are the world's worst "sour puss", you are bound to have fun!

We hope that everyone is looking forward to the Blast coming up soon. Be safe in your travels and get ready to have a Blast at the Blast!



Paying This Week At the Kentucky BLAST!!





Leah Cridlin

KRR State Director

Time To Have Some FUN!

Hello everyone,

I hope you have been enjoying your summer. It has been a busy one for us. In June we were only home one week and I think it took the first 2 weeks of July for me just to recover. But we made great memories and had a lot of fun!

Since then I have been working on the Blast along with many other staff members. This is such a fun event. A lot of thought, work and planning is involved to make this super fun for all of you. Rides, dinners, games, vendors, decorations, classes and fun. Fun is always the main thought when organizing all of our events. How can we maintain the fun?

There is no other rally like ours. I haven't been all across the country to attend most, but I have been to a few. The rally scene is changing. Most states don't have them anymore. So why do we? Well it is tradition first of all. We seem to do what we always do until it doesn't work anymore. KY rally's seem to be well attended. Our attendance fluctuates, but life happens and we have to adjust to that. But for those that still plan to attend we will plan to have fun!

Are you keeping the fun in your chapter? Sometimes the fun factor seems to fade. It is the ebb and flow of the members. Chapter life isn't for everyone, but everyone loves to ride. When you couple the fun with riding, it may just revive your chapter and therefore revive your attendance at your meetings.

If you are experiencing this in your chapter, try adding a new fun idea/activity. It may just spark some excitement, create a little laughter and bring a smile to the face of someone that needs a lift. It takes way more many muscles to frown than it does to smile.

I (Rick too) am looking forward to seeing your smiling faces at General Butler in a couple weeks. Bring your energy, excitement and we will add the fun factor for what we hope to be a happy weekend! Till next time friends....





KY Blast Agenda 2025
August 14-16, 2025
Ridin' Rockin' and Rollin'
General Butler State Park



Thursday, August 14, 2025

10:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open - Lobby
10:00am – 4:00pm	Vendors Open – Kentucky Room
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wingo – Bluegrass Room
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Opening Remarks – Bluegrass Room
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Meet and Greet – Bluegrass Room
5:00pm	Daily Drawing 50/30/20 – Bluegrass Room
5:15pm – 6:00pm	Ice Cream Social & On-Bike Games – Back Parking Lot

Friday, August 15, 2025

8:00am – 5:00pm	Registration Open - Lobby
8:00am – 5:00pm	Vendors Open – Kentucky Room
8:30am - 8:45am	Ride Staging (Sign up for Rides at Registration) – Covered Entrance outside Kentucky Room
9:00am - 9:15am	Ride Departure (Details at Registration) – Covered Entrance outside Kentucky Room
11:00am – 12:00pm	Skymed Presentation - Bluegrass Room
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Wingo – Bluegrass Room
3:00pm – 4:00pm	COY/IOY Social Hour & Discussions – Commonwealth Room
4:15pm – 5:15pm	Team Challenge – Kentucky Room
5:15pm – 5:30pm	Daily Drawing 50/30/20 – Bluegrass Room
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Live Music, The Charitables & Casino Night - Bluegrass Room
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Dinner – Commonwealth Room
8:30pm – 10:00pm	Live Music, The Charitables & Casino Night – Bluegrass Room

Saturday, August 16, 2025

8:00am – 3:00pm	Registration Open - Lobby
8:15am - 8:45am	Ride Staging (Sign up for Rides at Registration) – Covered Entrance outside Kentucky Room
8:30am - 9:00am	Ride Departure (Details at Registration) – Covered Entrance outside Kentucky Room
9:00am – 3:00pm	Vendors Open – Kentucky Room
10:00am – 11:00am	Co-Rider Class – Bluegrass Room
11:00am – 12:00pm	Skymed Presentation – Bluegrass Room
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Team Challenges – Kentucky Room
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Work Life Balance Class – Bluegrass Room
3:00pm	Prize & Rider Ed Pick-up – Kentucky Room
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Wingo – Bluegrass Room
4:15pm – 5:30pm	Closing Ceremonies – 50/30/20 Drawing – Commonwealth Room

****Schedule is subject to change as details are finalized****



Participation Ticket Guidelines
KY Blast Agenda 2025
August 14-16, 2025
Ridin', Rockin' and Rollin'



By participating in the events listed below you will earn the following tickets towards Blast prizes

Thursday On-Bike Games – 10 Tickets

Friday Ride – 10 Tickets

Saturday Ride – 10 Tickets

Wingo Games – 1 ticket per game played (Thursday and Friday only)

Saturday Rider Education Class – 10 Tickets per class

Skymed Presentations – 15 Tickets per session

Team Challenge – 25 Tickets

Place your tickets in the gift bag of the prizes you wish to win!

Stamp your tickets with your wristband number

Guided Ride Information

****Guided Rides will include a lunch stop****

Sign Up at Registration Table

Friday Guided Rides

Ft Knox and the Gold Vault

Scenic Ride Through the Back Roads

Rabbit Hash & General Store

Saturday Guided Rides

Kentucky Derby Museum

Vietnam Memorial

Self-Guide Ride Information

The Ark Encounter

Old Guy's Tavern

Creation Museum

Rowlett's Milkhouse Commerce

Jewell's

Covid Memorial

Dairy Queen

Lower River Road

****Rides will take place based on interest****

For Sale

Garage kept 2014 Honda GL1800 Audio Comfort Goldwing with Roadsmith trike kit. With only 60,195 miles, this "Batwing" is a combination of flat and gloss black and 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 \$24,000 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.



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 \$4400.00

Call 859-750-4328



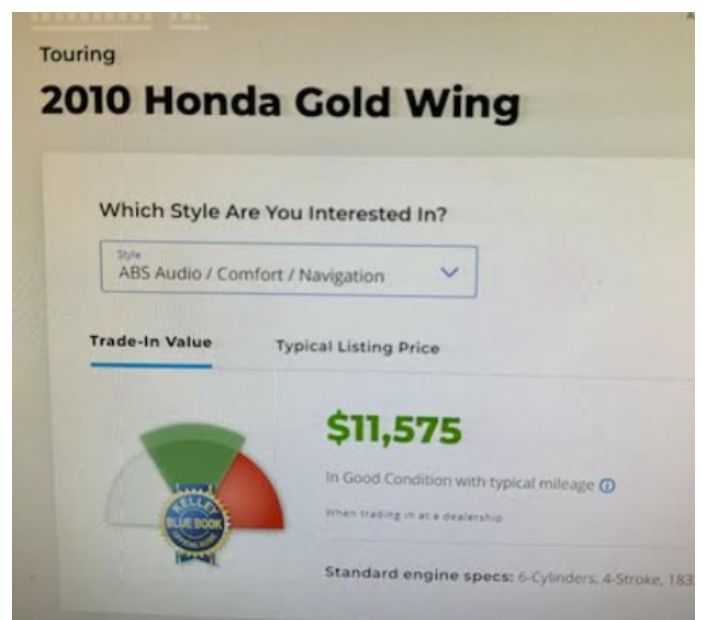
Goldwing for Sale

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).



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



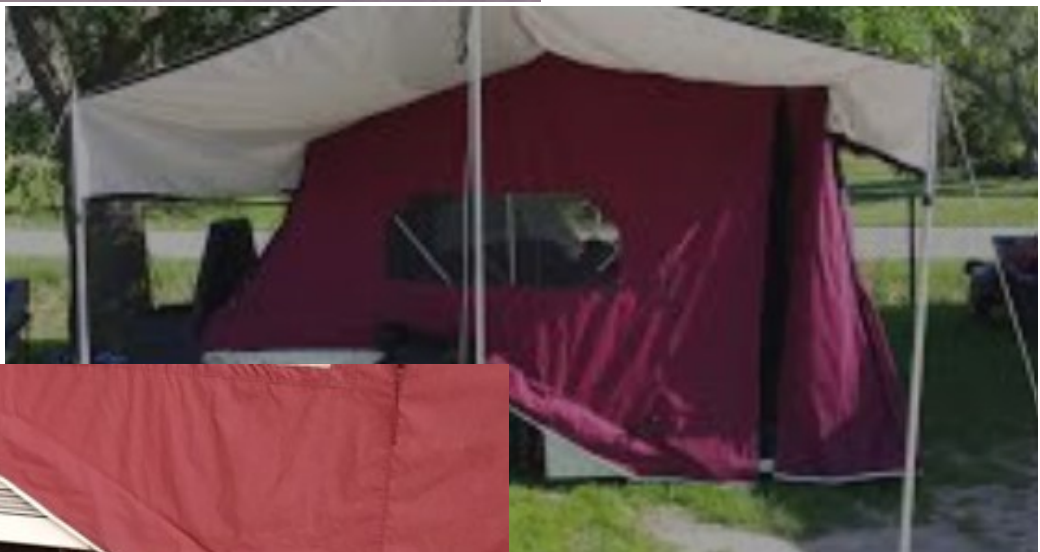
Well-Loved Lee-sure Lite Camper

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



GET THE SHIRT!!

Kentucky Road Riders now have a ride shirt! You can have it monogrammed on the right side of the chest with whatever you would like. Small to extra-large are \$14, and XXL are \$17. An added monogram will cost \$5. Shirts can be ordered at: <https://blankstore.club/shop/ols/products/xn--gildan---dryblend-50-cotton50-poly-short-or-long-sleeve-t-shirt-vpcl> You can also get it in a long-



For Sale

BRAND NEW DIAMOND SEAT a friend ordered a new Diamond seat, backrest and passenger backrest and rode for part of one day and didn't like it. He took it off and put his old seat back on. I can't believe it but he did lol. I'm on my 3rd Diamond seat and love them. This one fits the Gen 1 and he is only asking \$600 and that's CHEAP!!

Contact Dick Fraser
270-703-3874

Weider elec vest size 48 and a XXL Weider elec vest with sleeve chaps for sale!! Great condition asking \$75.00 each. Can bring to the Opps meeting on the 27th.

Contact Dan Bondurant 270-705-0307



Brand new ladies vest, size XL, with Gun Vest pocket. Asking \$30.

Men's size Large Goldwing Jacket, medium weight, asking \$10.

If interested, please contact Judy at :

judynorris2951@gmail.com

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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
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



Chapter K—Henderson

Meets 1st Saturday
Echo Lanes
1698 Second St.
Henderson, KY 42420
Meet at 11:30am (CT)— Eat at 12:00pm (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



Chapter T — Paintsville

Meets 3rd Saturday
Giovanni's Pizza
261 Court St.,
Paintsville, KY
Eat at 5:00pm—Meet at 6:00pm



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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Ride Safe

Be Safe

Visitation is on!

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

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You will also learn about upcoming rides.

