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# KENTUCKY ROAD RIDERS STATE NEWSLETTER



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## Inside Kentucky



## Make Christmas a Verb

by Mark F. Stone

For many, the gifts are the be-all and end-all:  
the big screen, the tablet, the Barbie and Ken doll.  
For me, gifts I get are like ice in the sun.  
I cannot recall them. No, not even one.

How did I find a true way to remember  
the import of each twenty-fifth of December?  
The quest to acquire is an urge one can curb.  
The lesson I learned was: make Christmas a verb.

Knock on the door of your neighbors who deal  
with aging and loneliness. Bring them a meal.  
If you have means and you live in fine fettle,  
drop off some greens in that little red kettle.

Visit our vets who are hurt and express  
your thanks for their service as they convalesce.  
Deliver to others a luminous glow.  
The gifts you will cherish are those you bestow.

### Links of Interest

KY State:  
[www.kyroadriders.org](http://www.kyroadriders.org)

### JMC Rider

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## State Directors Report



**Rick and Leah  
Cridlin**

Kentucky State Directors

Happy Holidays Kentucky! Leah and I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a Merry Christmas with family and friends. December is always a bittersweet month for me. The holidays and time with family and friends is always a great time, but it also means that riding becomes very limited. I have stated many times that I don't winterize my bikes, other than putting in fuel stabilizer and an occasional trickle charger. I have the gear to defeat the temperatures, but snow, salt, and ice are all reasons to keep the bikes in the garage.

I'm interested to know what you all do to either keep your bikes ride ready, or winterize. Doesn't that sound like a great topic of discussion at the Winter Warm-Up? Speaking of the Winter Warm-Up, it is being held January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Historic Courthouse in Burlington. The theme this year is Kentucky Olympics to correspond with the Winter Olympics. Leah has reserved a block of rooms at the Comfort Suites in Florence for \$99.00 per night, which includes a sofa sleeper in addition to the double queen beds, or king bed, as well as breakfast. There is also an indoor pool, and the hotel is pet friendly, so make your reservation now and let's get 2026 off to a great start.

Leah and I want to express our deepest condolences to Debi Michael and Chapter K on the passing of our dear friend Tony Cagle. Please keep Debi and Chapter K in your prayers.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and we hope to see you all at the Winter Warm-Up in January.

Stay safe,





**Rick and Kim  
Artmayer**

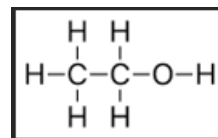
State Educators

## State Educators Report-Continued

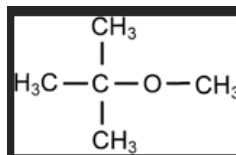
### Fuel Part 2

The energy of gasoline and ethanol is stored in the Carbon-Hydrogen bond.

Ethanol's chemical formula is  $C_2H_5OH$



Gasoline's chemical formula is  $C_8H_{18}$



Examining the chemical formula of the two fuels clearly shows that gasoline has more energy per molecule and is one reason our motorcycles get less mileage from a gallon of standard retail gasoline with 10% ethanol than from a gallon of pure gasoline. Another reason is because the ethanol is blended with a denaturant to make it undrinkable. This chemical does not add any energy to the fuel. The amount of denaturant can be up to 2% of the volume of ethanol added.

Most gasoline available at retail pumps in the USA contains about 10% ethanol by volume. In 2023, about 330 million barrels of ethanol were blended into the 3.26 billion barrels (more than 137 billion gallons) of gasoline that were consumed.

The blending of ethanol with gasoline occurs in the United States to meet the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act and the Renewable Fuel Standard established in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. There are three general categories of ethanol-gasoline blends: E10, E15, and E85. Most retail gasoline sold in the USA is E10, which contains up to 10% ethanol. E15 is gasoline blended with up to 15% ethanol. And likewise, E85 is gasoline blended with up to 85% ethanol. The ethanol content of the gasoline is usually indicated on the pump. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, all motor vehicle engines can use E10 gasoline. However, our motorcycles, lawn mowers, side-by-sides, etc., are all considered "small engine" designs and normally are not designed to operate with E10. The ethanol in the gasoline blend can dry out seals and gaskets. The chemical denaturant left behind after evaporation can clog small orifices in the fuel system. Always check your owner's manual for the recommended fuel for your vehicle. Currently, only designated flex-fuel vehicles built after 2001 can use E15 or E85 fuels.



**Bruce and  
Kathy Hensley**

State Ride Coordinators

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WOW! Another year, and another birthday for us all. I wrote last month about the passage of time and I guess the checkpoint for our passage is our age. Hopefully with each passing year we add to our collection of memories, of friends, family, of trips and events. Every year that we grow older hopefully our collection of family and dear friends adds another year as well.

For me I find the distinction between family and my friends at the Chapter and throughout the State to be hard to distinguish. All of you are as close as family to Kathy and I. I feel that this Chapter has grown close over years, whether we have ridden together for many years or just one season. I look out across the state and reflect on all the friends that we would never have known if it weren't for the Ky Road Riders and all the iterations that came before.



**Jim and Kay  
Bryan**

State COY

### State Couple of the Year

With most of the riding behind us for the year, we need to direct our attention to some other things that are important. One of the items on each club's agenda is the selection of Couples of the Year and Individuals of the Year. It is not normally the issue of no one meeting the criteria, but rather the people who will not accept the opportunity and recognition. Keep in mind, if asked, that your club thinks that you have contributed to the club. I know there are members of the Ky Road Riders who are not a "stick in the mud" and will be willing to have a little "extra fun" along the way. If you are still thinking that you must move the mascot within 2 weeks, that requirement has changed. If you want to, that is great as that would mean more visitation, but the only requirement is that the mascot be available at your next meeting. Have a little fun! Make people wonder what you are up to!

**ALL OF US AT KENTUCKY ROAD RIDERS WISH YOU A  
HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND A  
FUN AND EXCITING NEW YEAR!**

# Join the JMC Riders Facebook Group Page to Share Stories & Tech Info About Your Favorite Motorcycle. Membership is Free!

JMC RIDERS Facebook Page Click Here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jmcriders/> .

For that Motorcycle Rider on Your Holiday Shopping List Don't  
Forget to Visit the JMC Riders Store for Special Discounts!



Join the conversation



**John Lazzaroni**

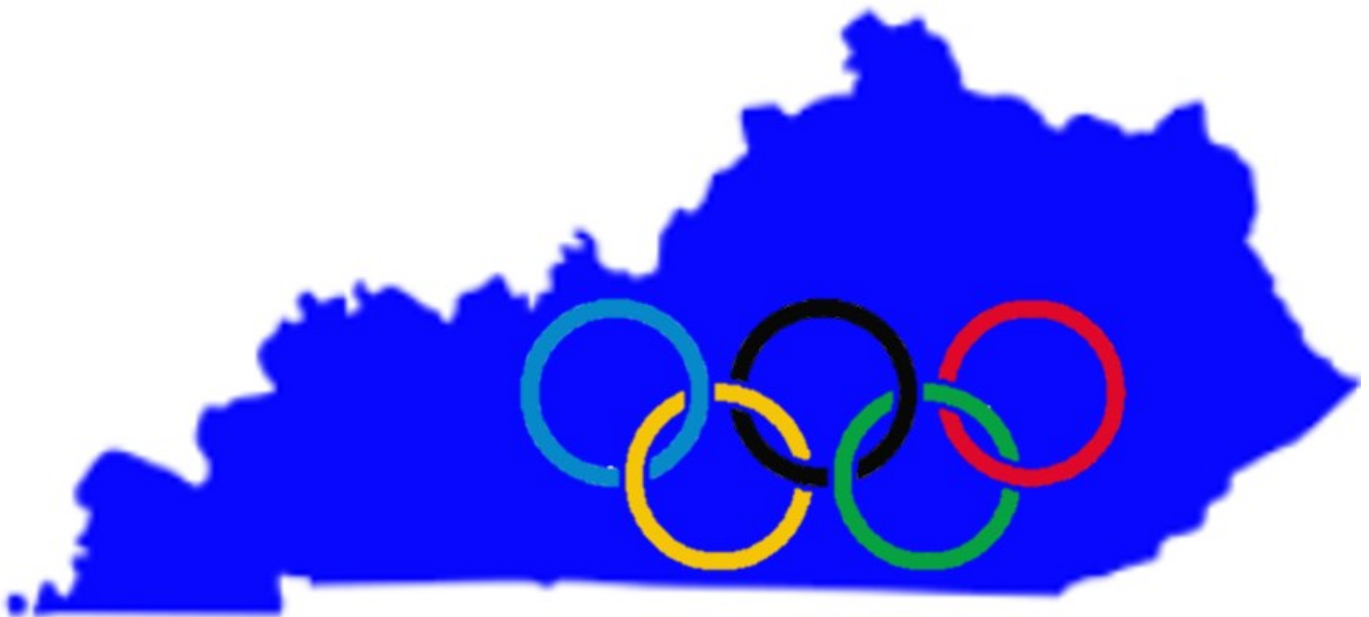
JMC Rider Founder





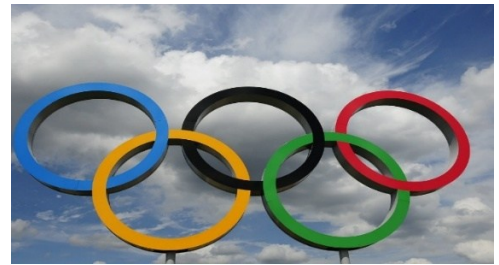


As we descend into Winter, those cold dark months  
Our bikes are sequestered, but the heart knows what it wants  
To be out riding in sunshine and having some fun  
With our statewide friends, it's what needs to be done  
Though the riding must wait, KRR brings you great cheer  
As the Winter Warm Up will soon be here  
So make plans to be there , and your heart, it will flutter  
And we'll all get together and enjoy one another.





# 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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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:** \_\_\_\_\_



### 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](mailto: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

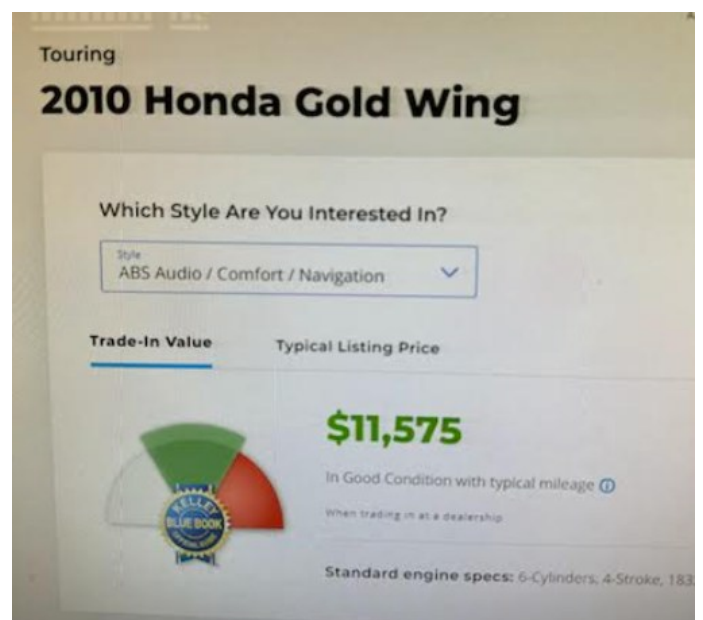
**2007 with 53,000 miles, owner is asking \$12,000 for the bike and trailer. His number is 618-294-1399**





## 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](mailto:donitarenzo@gmail.com)





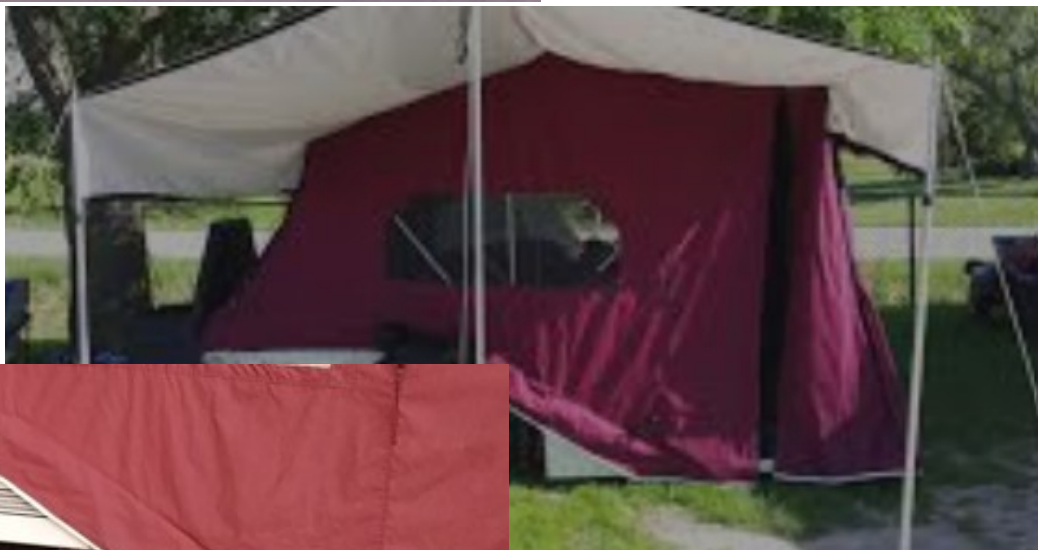
## Well-Loved Lee-sure Lite Camper

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](mailto:hainespm7035@gmail.com)












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	<u>Chapter A—Louisville</u>	Meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7 Louisville, KY 40065 Eat at 11:00 am—Meet at 12:00pm
	<u>Chapter C—Lexington</u>	Meets the 3rd Saturday Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd. Lexington, KY 40509 Eat at 11:00am—Meet at 12:00pm
	<u>Chapter G — Northern KY</u>	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
	<u>Chapter K—Henderson</u>	Meets 1st Saturday Echo Lanes 1698 Second St. Henderson, KY 42420 Meet at 11:30am (CT)— Eat at 12:00pm (CT)
	<u>Chapter S — Elizabethtown</u>	Meets 1st or 2nd Sunday ( <a href="#">check State Calendar</a> ) Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701 Eat at 4:00pm—Meet at 5:00pm
	<u>Chapter T — Paintsville</u>	Meets 3rd Saturday Giovanni's Pizza 261 Court St., Paintsville, KY Eat at 5:00pm—Meet at 6:00pm
	<u>Chapter Y—Mayfield</u>	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!**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

**[www.kyroadriders.org](http://www.kyroadriders.org)**



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You will also learn about upcoming rides.