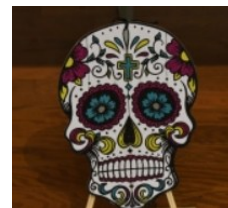


KENTUCKY ROAD RIDERS STATE NEWSLETTER



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SINISTER ATTACK ON KENTUCKY BOURBON THWARTED BY KRR

In February, a group of highly intelligent and determined members of Kentucky Road Riders gathered in Burlington to prepare for a year of fun and friendship. While there, they were presented with a challenge to save their beloved state, when it was brought to their attention that a group of evil villains were attempting to overtake the Bourbon Trail! With the entire pride of Kentucky in peril, the group worked diligently in teams to discover clues and break dastardly cryptic codes. Through sheer brainpower and teamwork, the group was able to dismantle the evil plan piece by piece and keep the state of Kentucky safe. Kentuckians owe the group a debt of gratitude for their fast thinking and loyalty to the things that matter most: Fun, Friendship, and Bourbon!!

Links of Interest

KY State:
www.kyroadriders.org

Wing'D Rider

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

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State Directors Report



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky State Directors

I started last month's article off on a negative note when I said that I had not ridden yet in 2025. I am happy to report that I got my first ride in today when I took my Goldwing to the dealership for service. It was only a 10 mile ride, but I can now say that I have ridden in 2025. I also made the commitment to ride to Florida for Bike Week, so I'll be putting on a couple thousand miles next week, and I am really looking forward to it.

One of the draws to Bike Week for me this year is that Honda announced that they are having a museum dedicated to the evolution of the Goldwing, and will be displaying every model from 1975 up to and including the 50th Anniversary 2025 model. The 2025's were released a couple of weeks ago and they are expected in dealerships this month. I'm curious to hear what you all think of them. The remarks I've been seeing have been all over the place, both positive and negative.

Leah and I want to thank everyone who came out for the Operations Meeting. It was so nice to see everyone and to share ideas and information about events planned this year. A special thank you to everyone who hosted a breakout session, and to everyone who provided input. The good times didn't end after the meeting, because we were treated to a very tasty Mexican themed meal, followed by an incredible Escape Room put together by Donita Nardi. Teamwork was the clue for success, and creative thinking skills were put to the challenge. We were broken down into 3 groups, each in a separate room, and then tasked with solving the clues to escape, and join the other groups to diffuse a malicious contraption. I'm so pleased to report that each group solved their individual clues and a disastrous explosion was averted. It was so creative, and so much fun! What will she come up with next? So, what's next? From what I can tell, the individual chapters have been busy making plans for the year, and I know first-hand that our Ride Coordinator, Bruce Hensley, has been busy creating a progressive ride for the fall, where we will travel around the perimeter of Kentucky, routing through each chapter's home turf. Bruce will be sharing details, but the idea is to ride as much or as little of the ride as you feel comfortable, enjoy each other's company, see some beautiful sights, and most of all have fun. I'm really looking forward to this, and hope you will make plans to join in.

Plans are also being finalized for both the Ride-In and The Blast, so check out the website at www.kyroadriders.com for the most up to date information. You will also find lodging information for both events.

There is a lot going on this year and I extend my challenge to each of you to participate in an event that you haven't tried before. The more you participate, the more fun you will have. I can speak from experience of this.

Ride safe!

Assistant Directors Report



**Dan and Rita
Bondurant**

Assistant Directors

Hope everyone is getting a little riding in as one day it's in the 30's the next pushing 70 or flooding or snowing. One thing about it is YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN KENTUCKY. We have the Couple of the Year Mascot and we are hoping we have some company at our Meeting on the 6th. Just my little monthly plug, hope you're making plans to attend the 2025 KY Ride In this year.

That's all from the West this month.



State Treasurers Report



**Luanne & Jerry
Williams**

State Treasurers

Hello Kentucky State,

We would like to thank everyone who came to "The Operations Meeting." It was a well-spent day learning what goes on "behind the scenes" with a Directors Forum, Treasurers Forum, Tech Talks, Rider Coordinator Meeting and several other informative meetings. We want to thank Rick and Leah Cridlin for all their hard work in making the Operations Meeting informative and entertaining and of course, the Escape Room that Donita Nardi created was so creative and so much fun – thank you again.

We wanted to share with everyone the lucky winners for the 50/30/20 Raffle that took place at the Operations Meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2025:

1st Place – Chanel Blue (Chapter A) – Winning - \$49

2nd Place – Ron Harper (Chapter G) – Winning - \$29

3rd Place – Jerry Williams (Chapter G) – Winning - \$20

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the next State Event – The KY Ride-In – June 6-7, 2025 – Mayfield, KY – Chapter Y will be hosting.

State Educators Report



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**

State Educators

As I am writing this March Newsletter article, I am watching yet another snowfall but thinking forward to Wing'D Rider Rally #3. I know that now is the time to start planning for the week-long tour that will be my big adventure this year. South Dakota is an interesting part of the country, where the weather can provide constant change, the elevation can vary from 3,000 to over 8,000 feet and require a rider to bring additional gear to have a comfortable and safe experience. Additional gear means additional weight and requires additional packing strategies. This month, let us call it part 1, I will present the realities of packing for a long trip on a motorcycle. For this article I am going to provide specifics for the machine I know best, my 2004 Honda Gold Wing, but other, maybe most, motorcycles are going to be extremely similar relative to the challenges involved.

The first thing to do, if you have not done it recently, or have never done it, is to read your owner's manual. There is a plethora of information about your specific motorcycle for that exact production year to be found between the covers of the manual, and I suggest you focus on the sections describing loading your motorcycle and adding accessories, as these subjects have significant effect on performance and handling. And they all relate to the safety of you and your passenger.

In my manual, information on accessories and modifications begins on page 4, indicating the importance of these topics. The third point written in this section of the manual is "*Do not pull a trailer or sidecar with your motorcycle. This motorcycle was not designed for these attachments, and their use can seriously impair your motorcycle's handling.*" Immediately following point three is point four, which is "*Carefully consider the weight of any accessories and any cargo stored in those accessories to avoid exceeding the maximum weight limits...see Load Limits, page 44.*"

When I turn to page 44, I see a listing for the maximum weight and the distribution of that weight for this 2004 Gold Wing. The listed maximum weight of the rider, passenger, and all cargo and accessories is 417 pounds. Of these 417 pounds, the manual further defines that a maximum of 71 pounds can be loaded onto the motorcycle in the form of cargo, distributed as listed in the chart on page 44. This means that if I maximize the amount of cargo the bike is designed to carry (71 pounds) then what is left is the total amount of weight for the rider, passenger, and any accessories (like GPS, helmets, gloves, boots, jackets, Kindle, air deflectors, belly pans, etc.), which is 346 pounds. I just got dressed in all my gear that I would normally wear for a long ride on a 65-degree (Fahrenheit) day. I tipped the scale at 166 pounds, ready to ride (which in my case means 16 pounds of gear), leaving 180 pounds for my passenger, air deflectors, GPS, etc.

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As a reference, I just took a two-week business trip to Germany. The weather was remarkably similar to the weather in Northern Kentucky, without the extreme highs or lows. I packed very efficiently and carried a total of 65 pounds of clothing and gear for the two weeks. I mention this because this trip was just me, and just with work clothes, toiletry items, and a laptop. No specialized protective gear. If there were two of me, like there might be on our trip to Wing'D Rider Rally #3, I am sure I would have to double that amount. As you can see from the numbers above, this would not work, and choices would have to be made. Next month we will cover the specifics of practical solutions to keep you comfortable and safe on a long ride.



State Ride Coordinator



Bruce and Kathy Hensley

Kentucky State Ride Co-ordinators

As I sit here typing this, we are in the midst of the second winter storm for the 2025 season so I am expressing the same sentiment as last month, just for a different storm (LOL). I hope that everyone made it thru the second storm of 2025 unscathed. No Ice but lots of snow and I guess the coldest temperatures so far. And in between those two, many of us had to contend with flooding, which is still an ongoing issue in many areas of the state. But wow, the silver lining, if there is one is that we are only a week from March, and while this area has been known to have snow and cold in March at least spring is closer and temps are predicted into the 50's for our area next week, so lots of water on the roads during the thaw and more..... potholes, yes you guessed it the hazard of the month! As you roll the bike out for that much needed wind therapy, remember to keep a watchful eye out for those pesky rim bending potholes, as well all the other stuff that may be on the roads. Remember, the side roads may still have water over portions of the roads from the combination of the ongoing high water and the thawing of all that lovely snow. Have fun and be safe on the road.



John Keiter

State Pins and Patches

State Pins and Patches

Happy Spring!

Man ,oh man...what crazy weather we had in February. Hopefully things will be normal in March. The Ride-In is our first up event; the weather should be good and the riding even better! At the Ops meeting, our State Ride Coordinator was talking about a ride around Kentucky sometime in October. That should be a good ride.

Before you start riding, check the date codes on your tires. I will be getting new ones before riding season. Please take care of yourself and those you care about—we want you to be safe!

If anyone is in need of pins or patches, I'm your contact! Let me know what you might need and I'll bring it to the Ride-In. Call, text, or email me and I'll take care of it. See you there!



State Member Enhancement

Miles Justice, Dean & Lora Miller Kentucky Member Enhancement Coordinators

Happy St. Patrick's Month, Kentucky Road Riders! Wishing you all the Luck O' the Irish! Hopefully, everyone has been enjoying the slight reprieve from snow and ice we have recently been granted. We just need to keep reminding ourselves that Spring riding weather is just around the corner. Speaking of riding, in addition to the Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year Programs and the Newsletter Competition, please be on the lookout for a state-wide riding challenge designed to get folks out and riding this season. While your MEPCs have not ironed out all of the details just yet, we hope to be ready to unveil the challenge in April. Until then, consider checking your machine to make certain it is road-worthy so that you can take advantage of pockets of good weather then they occur during the next couple of months. Also, be sure to encourage your friends and family who ride to check out a KRR meeting, ride, or event to see what Wing'd Rider is all about. After all, riding is more fun with friends. Stay safe everyone!

State Individual of the Year

KRR—Operating on Fun

What a strange title you might ask. If I was not the author I would probably be asking the same, so let me explain.

This past weekend, February 8th & 9th Wing'd Rider of Kentucky hosted it's yearly gathering as it does every year about this time. For the last several years it has been held in the old courthouse in Burlington. The gathering, labeled as "the Ops Meeting" can be misleading. To say "Ops" would lead many to think it is all about operations of the organization. Let me tell you folks, it is so much more than that. True, parts of it do pertain to operating procedures, old and new. However, that is just a small part of this get-together. I just finished attending my fourth meeting and I can assure you my friends, there is so much more to it than operations.



Ron Harper

State IOY

In the four years I speak of, I have experienced a sock hop reminiscent of my younger years, a prom night remembering my high school days, a murder mystery, and recently an escape room. Each night a nice dinner was also part of the evening entertainment.

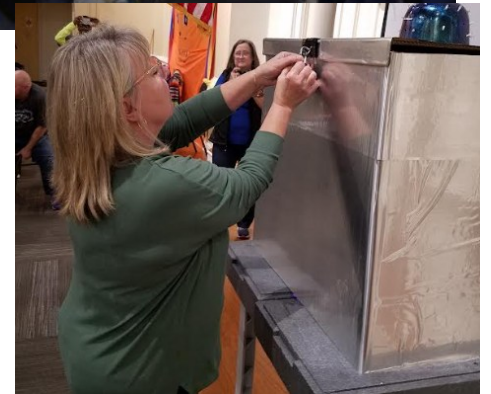
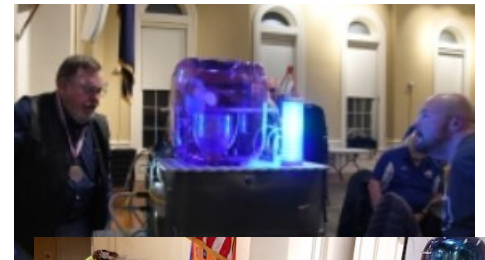
Over the past several years I have become very aware of the hours of labor and love that go into putting on such a event. To the attendee, it's just another day to get together with friends and talk about the things we enjoy doing most. But the time & energy that go into making sure everything is just right are unimaginable. This labor of love extends out into The Ride-In and The Blast as well. Months of planning and organizing go into making each event the fun experiences that we as members have come to enjoy.

So my friends, I invite and strongly encourage you to come out and support the KRR annual events, and show the organizers that their hard work is appreciated. All you have to do is show up to see that KRR operates on FUN!



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Wing'D Rider Recruitment Promotion

For every WR Member who sponsors a new membership or couples membership they will receive a \$10 credit. Each WRMember can use his/her credits to purchase ANYTHING from the WRider website, including membership renewals ,,, and also anything from the JMCorp website at www.JMCORP.com If the new member signs up on -line ,,,, the sponsoring member need only send us an email, that he/she has sponsored a new member and give us the new members name and approximate date of the joining new member. Or the new member can use the attached paper app and put the sponsoring members name in the appropriate box ,,,,,, Wing'D Rider Office will keep track of the credits for each member on a separate log in Tucson. Total credit amounts on file for each member can be obtained by email ONLY.

Wing'D Rider Rally #3 South Dakota! Here We Come

Join us for Wing'd Rider Rally #3, Box Elder SD! June 25th – 28th, 2025 at the BOX Events Center. Trade Show Expo, Adventure Rides, JMCorp/Vendor Party Night, Rally Games, 50/50, Grand Prize Drawings at Closing Ceremonies & DRAWING FOR 2025 GOLD WING! (must be present to win). Host hotel Courtyard by Marriott with discount hotel block exclusively for members that have registered for the rally, so don't delay! Go to the WRWebsite at www.WINGDRIDER.com



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Box Elder, SD, 57719

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- Grand Prize Drawing

WIN a 2025 Gold Wing at Closing Ceremonies!

HOST HOTEL:
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Goldwing 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.



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



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-vpci> 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.








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	<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>

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Be Safe

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

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