Kentucky Road Riders

November 2026 State Newsletter



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Inside Kentucky

The Leaf Peeper was a HUGE success








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State Directors Report



Rick & Leah Cridlin
State Directors

Last month I wrote about two trips that I was planning on taking and as I sit here writing this article, I am happy to report that both were amazing! The first was a ride to Florida, where me, Dean Hedger, Gary Heil, and Charlie Hobbs from Chapter G, attended Biketoberfest in Daytona Beach. The event is a scaled down version of Bike Week, and this year it seemed to me that it was even smaller than the other times I have attended. I was looking forward to taking some demo rides at the Daytona Speedway, but the only manufacturers there were Yamaha and Rewaco. Gary test rode a Rewaco, so you'll have to ask him about the experience.

We had amazing weather and took a ride up the A1A to St. Augustine, where I intended to surprise the guys with a lunch stop at Bill Murray's Caddyshack Restaurant for lunch. I was the one who got the surprise when we arrived to find that it had permanently closed a few weeks earlier. With that, we had lunch at the Cosco Food Mart and then we rode. We took back roads back to Orlando where we were staying at The Fountains. We took 2 days to get to Florida, stayed 2 days in Orlando, and took 2 days riding home. It got a little chilly when we started our final leg home and my temperature gauge showed it as low as 36 degrees, but we were layered up and it warmed up nicely as the day went on.

The following week, I rode to Henderson to meet up with the group starting the leaf peeping ride planned and led by Bruce and Kathy Hensley. I won't steal Bruce's thunder and go into detail about the ride, but I will say that it was an amazing 4 days of riding. The weather was perfect for a fall ride.

State Directors Report -Continued

It was chilly in the mornings, but by the afternoon it had warmed up and we were treated to some fantastic roads and beautiful scenery. I had asked a childhood friend of mine, Bryan Denniston, to join me many times on some of our trips, and he finally did. He and I have made quite a few rides over the years, but I could never convince him to join in on one of our large group rides until now. He shared with me that he had a great time and added that the things that made it the most enjoyable were the people and the camaraderie that we shared. He fit right in and shared with me that he'd love to do something like this again and I plan to hold him to that. I don't know the total number of people who participated in the ride, but I do know that every chapter was represented at some point of the ride, which is amazing! The routes and the lunch and dinner stops were everything you could want on a ride on which the whole purpose was to ride and take in the scenery. Of course there were a couple of hiccups, and we all know to expect that in a trip of that duration, but we always got where we were going and everyone did so in a safe manner. I've already heard a couple of people say that they are looking forward to next year's ride, and I certainly am as well.

This month is when many of you will put your bike(s) away for the winter and when we celebrate Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. It is also a good time to get signed up to attend the Winter Warm-Up and start filling up your calendar with another year of fun with your fellow Kentucky Road Riders. Keep checking the website at www.kyroadriders.org where you will find all the latest information on upcoming events. Roger Early does a fantastic job keeping it up to date so you can find everything you need to know, and if not, the contact information is there so you can get in touch with whomever is hosting the event you are interested in.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

State Educators Report



Rick & Kim Artmayer
State Educators

Believe it or not, there is science behind the speed limits that are posted on various roadways. Several factors are used to determine a safe speed limit for a given stretch of road such as:
Roadway environment:
Roadway characteristics
Geographic Context
Crash experience
Speed distribution of free-flowing vehicles
Speed trends
the 85th percentile

While I think the first six factors are obvious, the seventh may need some explanation. The 85th Percentile Rule is seen as the 'traditional' method of evaluating and setting speed limits. It is based on human behavior rather than data or statistical analysis. This method of setting speed limits suggests most drivers will naturally select the safest speed to travel under normal conditions for a given roadway.

State Educator Report - Continued

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways defines the standards used by road managers nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all streets, highways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and site roadways open to public travel. The 11th edition was adopted with an effective date of January 18, 2024. The MUTCD is published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under **23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 655, Subpart F**

Highways usually have posted minimum speed limits to prevent slower-moving vehicles from triggering safety issues such as rear-end collisions, disrupted traffic flow, and traffic backups. Safe speed limits are chosen to balance safety with traffic efficiency. Unfortunately, most speed limits are reviewed reactively because of roadway changes, policy adjustments, zoning updates, or crash statistics, and after a road or other infrastructure project has been completed.

The legal basis for speed limits typically rests on statutes enacted by state legislatures and local ordinances approved by city or county governments. One of the first speed limits ever recorded was set in 1652. The law was issued in New Amsterdam (now New York) that stated that no "wagons, carts or sleighs shall be run, rode or driven at a gallop." The fine for breaking this speed limit was "two pounds flemish", or about $150 today.

There is a strong correlation between higher speeds and accident severity: a 5% increase in average speed typically leads to a 10% increase in injury and 20% increase in deaths.

Vehicle speed (mph)	Probability of pedestrian fatality (%) *	Probability of pedestrian fatality age ≤ 14 (%)**	Probability of pedestrian fatality age 15 to 59 (%)**	Probability of pedestrian fatality age ≥ 60 (%) **
20	5	1	1	3
30	45	5	7	62
40	85	16	22	92

State Educator Report - Continued

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

The suggested speed limits for curvy sections of roadway are determined using the following formula:

$$R_{min} = \frac{V^2}{15(0.01e_{max} + f_{max})}$$

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

The variables in the above formula are defined as:

R_{min} = minimum radius of curvature (ft (m)).
V = design speed (mph (km/h)).
e_{max} = maximum rate of roadway superelevation (percent).
f_{max} = maximum side friction (demand) factor.

For more formulas about road design considerations:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/safety/17098/004.cfm?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Your homework assignment this month: Check out the theory, do some practice calculations, then go out and gather some empirical data. You can thank me when you see me.



Bruce & Kathy Hensley
State Ride Coordinators

State Ride Coordinator Report

Well, the State Leaf Peeping Ride is now in the books and all I can say is…if you missed it, well, you missed a really memorable ride. Over 1100 miles of beautiful Ky roads, (with some 3 point turns and course corrections for washed out roads, but… those are another story), beautiful weather, and some of the best folks on the planet to ride with. With all of that said, it would not have been nearly as memorable if it wasn't for those that turned out to ride. Those that rode the whole trip, those that rode one or more legs of the trip, and those who showed up to cheer us on. All six Chapters were represented with thirty five folks participating in one way or another. But Kathy and I can say without a doubt, that we could not have done this without the help of you, the Chapter members, who have provided so much helpful information. Our thanks to all of you. Now, the big question, do we want to do it again next year? Or something completely different?

So, find an excuse, get out and ride. Let's get out and enjoy this fall weather.



John Keiter
State Pins & Patches

State Pins & Patches Report

Happy Fall y'all!

Having just finished the Fall Leaf Peeper ride, I must say the weather gods were smiling on us 😀 Even though some mornings were in the 30's, we had NO RAIN. If you weren't able to go this year, you might want to think about next year's ride.

Also- don't forget to change your oil before you put your bike up for the winter. Always put in some Marine Grade Stabil as well.

Since Christmas is just around the corner, maybe Santa might bring you something nice for your bike?

The next big statewide event is the Winter Warmup. Be sure to make plans to attend 👍

John

2027 Campfire & Comforters Tour



Leah Cridlin
State Cruise Director



Hello,
The Breaks Interstate Park, 627 Commission Circle, Breaks, VA 24607.....it is known as the Grand Canyon of the East.
Dates: July 29-31, 2027. Remember this weekend is a time to come together, hang out, ride your motorcycle, camp.....anything you want it to be.
We will organize some dinners as the weekend gets closer.

Campfire members

The campground is in VA, so Reserve America works a little differently.
Rick and I are on site 63.



Comforters members

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Goldenrod Lodge at the Breaks State park. Please call 276-865-4413 to make your reservation. The group code is Kentucky Road Riders or Leah Cridlin
The room rate is $106.80 per night + a $6.00 registration fee and taxes.
When making your reservation, please specify if you want a King or a Double bed room. The block expires on June 29, 2027.

Kentucky Road Riders

Winter Warm Up 2027

KRR of the Seas



When: Saturday, January 30, 2027, 5:30pm - 10pm
Where: Burlington Historical Courthouse, 2988 Washington St, Burlington, KY 41005
Hotel: Comfort Suites, 5905 Merchants St., Florence, KY 41042
Rooms $109.00 per night (2 Queen) $104.00 (King), includes full breakfast buffet, pets are welcome and indoor swimming pool
Reservation cut off is January 1, 2027
Group Name: KY Road Riders

- We're going on a Cruise, KRR style!
- Games, Karaoke, Comedians and Music will be our entertainment for the evening!
- **Captain's Dinner:** Pulled Pork, Salad, Baked Potato Bar, Dinner Rolls, Dessert and Drinks

Cost is $30.00 per person

- **Friday Night,** January 29th - Pizza Party and Games – 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 Cruise & Dinner $30.00 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:**_____

Save The Date

Winter Warm Up – January 30, 2027
Burlington, KY
KRR of the Seas

Kentucky Ride In – June 4-5, 2027
New Salem Baptist Church, 2775 Deatsville Rd
Cox's Creek, KY 40013

The 2nd Campfire & Comforters Tour
July 29-August 1, 2027
The Breaks Interstate Park
627 Commission Circle
Breaks, VA 24607





The KY Blast a Time Warp Tour
Blasts from the Past
August 19-21, 2026
Cave Area Conference Center
Cave City

We can't wait to spend time with you!!!!

JMC Motorcycle Audio Black-Friday Sale!

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Custom Dongles to Make the Conversion from Corded to Bluetooth Also Available!

Note from J&Ms President: I have been riding Gold Wings for more than 48 years. I have never experienced this level of audio performance and intercom voice clarity, even at maximum highway speeds. You won't be disappointed.



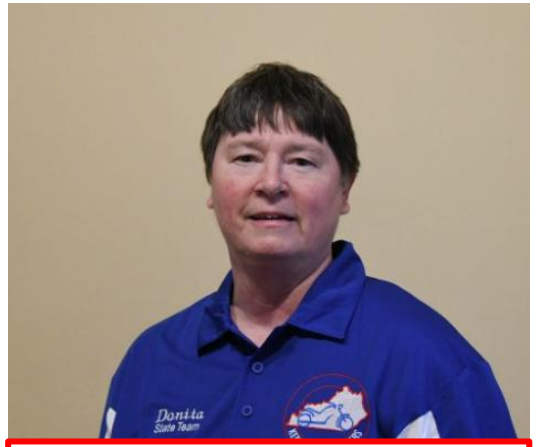
John Lazzaroni
JMC Rider Founder

JMC RIDERS

Join the conversation



Newsletter Editor



Donita Nardi
Newsletter Editor

You may have noticed that this newsletter looks a little different than the last few years, but I think we're ready for a change. Microsoft eliminated the platform that I used to publish the newsletter, and so it became necessary to make some changes.

With this change I would like to take the opportunity to refresh the "For Sale" section , so I have cleared that section off for now and will gladly accept any items that you would like to re-list. This way we can start 2027 up-to-date and current.

I hope you all enjoy the new format. Please send me anything you would like to include in the KRR newsletter. My deadline for submissions is the 26th of each month. Thanks for reading!



KRR Chapters

Chapter	Chapter Director	Assistant Chapter Director	Meet Schedule
A-Louisville	Kent & Karen Risen	Ray & Angela Taylor	2nd Saturday Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Road #7 Louisville, KY Eat at 11:00am, meet at 12:00pm
C-Lexington	Roger & Karen Early	Jeff Sullivan Alan Ernest	3rd Saturday Roosters 2640 Richmond Rd Lexington, KY 40509 Eat at 11:00am, meet at 12:00pm
G-Northern KY	John & Mary Eicher 3398 Blackberry Dr. Erlanger, KY 41018 859-630-1642	Donita Nardi	2nd Tuesday Acapulco Mexican Bar & Grill 7718 US-42 Florence, Ky Eat at 6:00pm, meet at 7:00pm

 K-Henderson	Bruce & Kathy Hensley 12991 Hwy 136 Henderson, Ky 270-577-9807	Open Position	1st Saturday Diamond Echo Lanes 1698 Second St Henderson, Ky Meet at 12:30pm (Central Time), eat following the meeting.
 S- Elizabethtown	Steve & Debi Pugh	David & Phyllis Rock	2nd Sunday Shoney's 1046 Executive Drive Elizabethtown, KY Eat at 4:00pm, meet at 5:00pm
 T-Paintsville	Buddy and Jeannie McKenzie	Open Position	3rd Saturday Giovanni's Pizza 261 Court St. Paintsville, Ky. Eat at 5:00pm, meet at 6:00pm
 Y-Mayfield	Dan & Rita Bondurant 270-705-0307	Richard Thomasson 731-441-0042	1st Thursday Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S 6th St Mayfield, KY 42066 Eat at 6:00pm, meet at 7:00pm (Central Time)

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www.kyroadriders.org

Ride Safe

Be Safe

Visitation is on!

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

Like Us

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.

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