

Kentucky Road Riders

October 2026 State Newsletter



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Inside Kentucky

Diversity is Good!

We started decades ago as a Goldwing Group, but as with everything else in life, the only constant is change. The diversity of vehicles in our 2026 KRR adds excitement and a bit of intrigue to the group. It gives our members the opportunity to explore new adventures.

Don P. led a group of Slingshots (Chapter A & K) to a four-day Slingshot rally in Arkansas. Aside from the hot weather, everyone had a good time. Don led rides during the rally with up to twelve “slings”, proving that Kentucky has talent!

Jim and Kay from Chapter K came into a little luck when they entered a contest at Hucks and won a new slingshot, so watch for them to pull up with a new set of wheels.



State Directors Report



Rick & Leah Cridlin
State Directors

Now that Fall has arrived are you still looking forward to riding, or are you thinking about preparing your motorcycle for the winter? For me, Fall simply means that it is time to put the liner in my jacket or wear a heavier one. Looking at my calendar, I see that there are still riding opportunities to look forward to. First, I am planning to ride to Biketoberfest in Daytona Beach, Florida from October 14-18. For those of you who have never heard of Biketoberfest, it is just a scaled down version of Daytona Beach Bike Week. There are plenty of vendors, but with less people.

Once arriving home, I will get my laundry done and ready to head out on the State Leaf Peeping ride, planned by Bruce Hensley, our State Ride Coordinator. I was one of the seven people who completed the entire ride last year and I had a great time, so I am really looking forward to this year's ride. I hope all of you who really enjoy the sport of riding will plan to join in when the ride comes through your chapter area, if you are not planning to complete the whole trip. The scenery was amazing last year, and we did encounter some weather, but still had a fantastic time. I hope to see you joining in. More information on the ride can be found on the website at www.kyroadriders.org. Remember that you can get credit for a State Ride on your Passport for just participating in one leg of the ride.

It is not too early to start planning for the 2027 riding season and you will find a link to the Save the Date information concerning the Winter Warm-Up, The Ride-In, The Campfires and Comforters Tour, and The Blast. We are really excited to have this information available and hope you will take advantage of the early notice to get yourself scheduled to have some fun with your friends throughout the state. The more you participate, the more fun you will have.

As always, stay safe!

State Educators Report



Rick & Kim Artmayer
State Educators

In March of 2018 I replaced the stock saddle on our 2004 Gold Wing with a gently used stock saddle from a 2008 Gold Wing. This saddle includes the heating elements installed by Honda. For the temperature controllers, I used Gerbing heated clothing controllers and powered them by installing a relay connected to the battery and cycled by the accessory port in the Gold Wing fuse panel. This modification has worked very well for us during the eight years and 40,000+ miles since. In late fall of 2025, I noticed the seams of the front rider's cushion were starting to separate. As the weather continued to get colder, the gap in the seams appeared to grow wider. I tried a vinyl fluid repair, which much to my surprise seemed to work acceptably on small sections, but the seams in other areas also began to split, presenting a much larger project. After searching the internet for available repair/replacement options, I chose to purchase a replacement seat cover set.

Made here in North America, the cover arrived after a few days. It is made of special cold resistant outdoor 4-way stretch marine vinyl material with a cold crack rating of -65 degrees Fahrenheit. The installation instructions were relatively simple in that one must remove the existing cover and replace it using the existing fasteners just like the original cover. In reality, this process was a little bit more involved.



State Educator Report - Continued

The original cover is fastened around the edge of the seat pan with many ½ inch staples driven directly into the plastic pan itself. These fasteners are installed to make the cover fit tightly to keep a smooth surface when not covered by a person. Removing these staples carefully is important to minimize any damage to the seat pan so that the new staples will have a good foundation to fasten the new cover securely. Next, the loops of thread that are attached to the original seat cover seams must be removed from the plastic clips that hold them after being pulled through holes in the seat foam and the seat pan. After 18 years of weather and vibration, these clips can become fragile and require careful attention while removing them. Due to the tension from the foam of the seat, the thread loops are best cut before the clips are gently compressed and removed from their recess in the seat pan.

Installing the new seat cover was easier than I anticipated. I started in the middle by sliding the cover onto the “horns” of foam that wrap around the back of the front rider’s hips. Next, I located the thread loops in the middle of the saddle and pulled them through and onto the clips, gently pressing each clip into its recess before releasing the tension of the thread loop onto the clip itself. I then alternated working forward and backward one row of loops at a time, until all the loops were pulled through and secured. The last step was to stretch the seat cover over the edge of the seat pan and fasten with new staples. I started again in the middle of the saddle and alternated sides carefully pulling the material taut and working to keep the seams along the edges of the foam beneath it. This operation is best performed with a pneumatic stapler and requires firm pressure to prevent the tool kicking back and not driving the staple fully into the seat pan.

I am pleased with the results and with the seat cover itself. The material looks good and matches the original Honda design. I think the seat feels a little bit softer, and I find that I do not slide forward so easily as I did with the original cover, perhaps due to the softer/more stretchy material. One thing I do notice is that the seat stays wet for a long time after rain. In hindsight, I think I should have treated the seams with a vinyl sealant like VLP and sprayed the backside of the seat cover with a water repellant. Maybe next time.



John Keiter
State Pins & Patches

State Pins & Patches Report

Welcome to Fall! Riding season is almost over, but there are still some good days in the future. Don't forget: the fall ride around the state is coming up at the end of the month. Bruce has put together a great ride. If you can't do the whole ride, please consider doing at least part of it. Stay safe and keep riding!

State Ride Coordinator Report

I see the weather for the next ten days is finally out of the 90's! Thank Goodness, now maybe we can get back to more riding. Course with that said, several of us just finished up a 1400-mile ride. It doesn't seem that we have done much riding this season, but I think I have logged over eight thousand happy miles this riding season, so I guess we have been riding.

We are so fortunate, (especially with the current prices of gas) to have chosen such a hobby, that lets us have the wind in our face for a reasonable cost per mile. We get the opportunity to see such wonderful sights and to meet and visit with friends old and new.

So, find an excuse, get out and ride. Oh, and by the way the State Leaf Peeping Ride is coming up this month October 23-26. Details are on the State Website. Let's get out and enjoy this fall weather.



Bruce & Kathy Hensley
State Ride Coordinators



2026 State Ride
The Leaf Peeping Ride



Synopsis: This will be a Fall ride thru Kentucky to look at the beautiful Fall plumage that Kentucky has to offer (we hope). The ride will pass thru the central part of the state close to most Chapters and will have meeting points close to the Chapters general locations. The ride will then proceed to the eastern and southern portions of the State and should offer beautiful views as the group passes thru the different areas of the state.

Riders can join or leave at any meeting point and will qualify to have their Passport card signed for the State Ride.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a ride to look at the beautiful Fall plumage and NOT a ride to any specific location. In short, this is a ride to ride. The group will cover more than 1,000 miles over a four day period.

Block rates have been negotiated with the motels shown (please feel free to check on rates with whoever). There is a block of ten (10) rooms at each location. Eating locations and times have been chosen but they are just suggestions. Please review the locations and make sure that the fare meets your requirements.

All Rides will leave (not gather) at 8 AM (unless otherwise noted) local time with full tanks and empty bladders. Stops will be about every quarter tank (approximately 1 ½ - 2 hours). Travel times do not include meal and rest stops as those can vary.

For those traveling to Henderson on Thursday, October 22 that are planning to ride the route in its entirety, we have established a block rate with the:

Comfort Inn (Cindy)
2820 US 41 North
Henderson, KY
Ph: 270-827-8191
Code: KRR
Block Expires: 9/22/26
Block Rate: \$99 + Tax



2026 State Ride
The Leaf Peeping Ride



October 23

Day 1 - Part 1

Depart From:	Destination:	Travel (hrs)	Miles	Depart Time	Arrival Time
Cracker Barrel 2130 US 60 East Henderson, Ky	Ernie's Tavern 104 Taylorsville Road Bloomfield, Ky Ph: 502-252-8411	3	165	8 AM CT	12:00 PM ET

Day 1 - Part 2

Ernie's Tavern 104 Taylorsville Road Bloomfield, Ky	Beans Restaurant 21 Taft Hwy Dry Ridge, Ky Ph: 859-823-2326	2	85	1:30 PM ET	3:30 PM ET
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2026 State Ride
The Leaf Peeping Ride



Day 1 - Part 3

Hotel	1.5	60	4:30 PM ET 6:00 PM ET
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Beans Rest.
21 Taft Hwy
Dry Ridge, Ky

Best Western (Johnna)
2011 Alverson Dr
Paris, Ky
Ph: 859-987-0779
Use Code: KRR
Block Expires: 10/09/26
Block Rate \$99.99 + Tax (Normal Rate \$129.99 +Tax)

Supper Recommendation:
Eat at 7 PM, ET
El Patio
503 Main St
Paris, Ky
PH: 859-340-4061

October 24

Day 2

Depart From:	Destination:	Travel (hrs)	Miles	Depart Time	Arrival Time
Best Western 2011 Alverson Dr Paris, Ky PH: 859-987-0779	Quality Inn (Linda) 1476 E, US 25 Barbourville, Ky PH: 606-645-1107	5	240	8 AM ET	2 PM ET

Code: KRR
Block Expires: 10/14 /26
Block Rate \$110 + Tax
24 Hr Cancellation

Lunch
476 Diner
469 Ky 476
Bulan, Ky
PH: 606-473-4363

Supper Recommendations:
Eat at 5 PM, ET
Jon Evan Jacks
688 US25E
Barbourville, Ky
PH: 606-546-2645



2026 State Ride
The Leaf Peeping Ride



October 25

Day 3

Depart From:	Destination:	Travel (hrs)	Miles	Depart Time	Arrival Time
Quality Inn 1476 E, US 25 Barbourville, Ky PH: 606-645-1107	Super 8 (Al) 1100 Links Lane Mayfield, Ky 270-247-8899	7	342	8 AM ET	3 PM CT

Code: KRR

Block Expires: 10/18/26
Block Rate \$74+Tax
24 Hr Cancellation

Lunch Recommendation:

Earl G Dumplins
1707 Gallatin Rd
Scottsville, Ky
PH: 270-239-3275

Supper Recommendation:

Eat at 6 PM, CT
Majestic Family Restaurant
700 6th Street
Mayfield, Ky
PH: 270-247-2541



2026 State Ride
The Leaf Peeping Ride



October 26

Day 4

Depart From:	Destination:	Travel (hrs)	Miles	Depart Time	Arrival Time
Day 4 Super 8 1100 Links Ln Mayfield, Ky PH: 270-247-8899	Cracker Barrel 130 US 60 East	3	140	8 AM CT	12 PM CT

2027 Campfire & Comforters Tour



Leah Cridlin
State Cruise Director

Campfire members

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

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.



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.



Winter Warm-up KRR of the Seas

January 30th, 2027 – Winter Warm Up –
Burlington, KY

Come cruise with us, straight into
2027. Our Winter Warm-up is a great
way to start the year. Food, friends,
and fun is the agenda, so come and
spend some time cruising' with us.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Inn, 5905 Merchants St, Florence, KY
41042.

The block code is KY Road Riders.

The room rate is \$104 for King Suites and \$109 for Studio 2 Queen Suites + taxes

Reservations should be made by January 1, 2027.

Save the Dates!



Leaf Peeper State Ride

October 23 – 26, 2026

A ride across the Kentucky Chapters. Ride around the state or join where you can. Details to follow

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



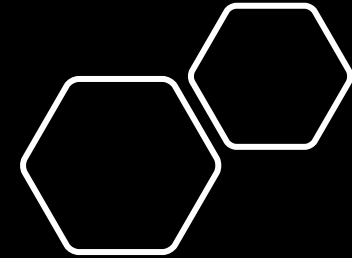
Kentucky Ride In – June 4-5, 2027
New Salem Baptist Church, 2775 Deatsville Rd
Cox's Creek, KY 40013

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!!!!



SPOOKY SALES all Month Long! ,, JMCs New BT-07 Dual-Module Bluetooth Helmet Headset Now Only \$149.99.

The New JMC BT-07 Bluetooth Headset is THE BEST Performing Helmet Headset I Have Ever used, Corded OR Bluetooth, Regardless of Motorcycle Speed ,,,, John Lazzaroni, President JM Corporation.

Our Custom Helmet/Headset Combos using HJC & SMK Shorty Helmets are Some of the Highest Quality Set-ups the Industry has to Offer!

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.



Join the conversation

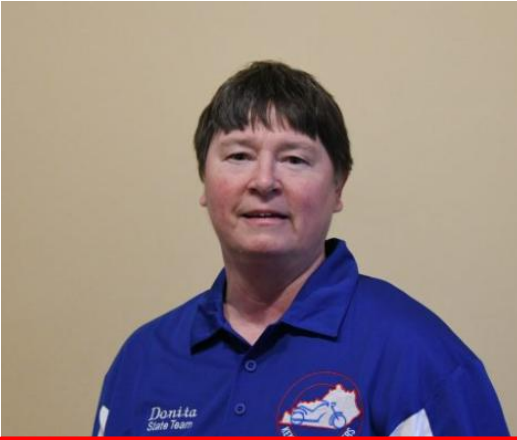


John Lazzaroni

JMC Rider Founder



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
 <u>A-Louisville</u>	<u>Kent & Karen Risen</u>	<u>Ray & Angela Taylor</u>	2nd Saturday Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Road #7 Louisville, KY Eat at 11:00am, meet at 12:00pm
 <u>C-Lexington</u>	<u>Roger & Karen Early</u>	<u>Jeff Sullivan</u> <u>Alan Ernest</u>	3rd Saturday Roosters 2640 Richmond Rd Lexington, KY 40509 Eat at 11:00am, meet at 12:00pm
 G-Northern KY	<u>John & Mary Eicher</u> 3398 Blackberry Dr. Erlanger, KY 41018 859-630-1642	<u>Donita Nardi</u>	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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