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Buccaneers on Bikes



They came from all over the state and beyond. Pirates flooded the park of Butler on a hill above the village of Carrollton. They came on wheels: two, three, and four, seeking treasure of friendship and bangarang, and they were not disappointed. For three days they plundered and pillaged, filling their bags with bootie and warming their stone cold hearts with fun. They came dressed in tricorns, eye-patches, and breeches. Frock coats and waistcoats worn by the lads, and oh... the frill of the lasses. But don't let your guard down. Pirates will be pirates. Even some of the ladies carried daggers. But there was no mutiny this weekend. Everyone was just having too much fun.

Check out the pictures on pages 6,7,and 8, and if you're still begging for more, go the KRR website. If you didn't make this one, don't miss the next one. 2027 is already planned!! Save the dates on page 5.



Links of Interest

KY State:
www.kyroadriders.org

JMC Rider

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**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

I wondered what I was going to talk about as I sat down to write this article, when all I had to do was remember what a great time I had at this year's Blast. The weather forecast looked terrible a week prior to the Blast, and I wondered how many of those registered would brave the elements and actually show up. As the time grew closer, the forecast showed some glimmers of hope, and what we actually had was a near perfect weekend. The only bad weather happened overnight, so all we had to deal with was the warm temperature. The behind-the-scenes coordination and planning of this event truly amazed me. We are really blessed to have some amazingly talented members, who volunteer their time and energy to ensure everyone attending has plenty to choose from.

Our house began to fill up with all kinds of decorations, game pieces, and prizes as the event grew closer, and I had no idea how some of it was going to be used. Those of you attending saw first-hand how fantastic it all turned out to be. The Conference Center was transformed with vendors in one room, games and activities in another room, and another room set up for dining. The ice cream social and on-bike games started things off on Thursday evening, followed by a pizza party at the local Hometown Pizza. The pizza party was definitely the time to have a 4 wheeled vehicle as the clouds opened up and we were met with a downpour. We filled the back room with a large crowd braving the elements. I believe the number of people was 27, but I haven't confirmed that number with Leah prior to submitting this article. Others had dinner Thursday evening at the lodge, and I believe everyone had a great time. The rain stopped before we finished eating, and we were all set for Friday.

Friday morning started off with a breakfast hosted by SkyMed, where attendees had a buffet breakfast and offered a presentation on the benefits of being a SkyMed member. It was well attended by both current SkyMed members and those interested in learning more about it. I won't go into all the details of what they have to offer, but I will say that Leah and I have been members since 2018. The guided rides started after breakfast, and everyone was off to a great start. There were things to do on site throughout the day for those not going on the rides and we all anticipated the dinner and games planned for Friday evening. I was really surprised by the number of people who showed up in costume for dinner and games. Everyone looked great and the evening was so much fun. Some of the games were brought back by popular demand with a pirate theme added, and from all appearances everyone had a great time. Congratulations to Tim and Jayne Ellen Mourning, who were announced as the State Couple of the Year, and to Dedre VanHoose, who was announced as the State Individual of the Year. This is a well-deserved honor, and we are very proud to have the 3 of them representing Kentucky. Saturday started off with breakfast and social get together hosted by the Individual and Couple of the Year Program. It was great seeing so many people attending and having a good time. Guided rides began afterwards and another great day was had by all. Leah and I presented a Co-Rider Seminar, and we prepared for closing ceremonies. There were a lot of awards given out as well as the IOY/COY \$250.00 gift card, which was won by Dedre VanHoose, and the \$400.00 grand prize, which was won by Dan Bondurant. Announcements were made and a Save The Date Flyer was passed out, with the 2027 dates for the Winter Warm-Up, Ride-In, Campfires and Comforters, and Blast, as well as the registration for the Blast. I am very happy to announce that we have already received some registrations for next year's Blast.

This really was a great weekend, and there is still one more State hosted event for the year, which is the Leaf Peeping Ride around Kentucky. Check out the website at www.kyroadriders.org for more



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**

State Educators



State Educators Report

Vibration is the result of energy (force) being input into an elastic medium. Modern vehicles are built with elastic (flexible) materials to survive life on the street. The most flexible parts like body panels, mirrors, and light assemblies are often mounted in a way to isolate them from the road, but it is impossible to prevent all vibration. Motorcycles, trikes, and other small vehicles are subject to the effects of vibration more than cars and trucks because of their nature to be of small size and mass.

As a vehicle moves down the road, many opportunities exist to cause vibration. Tires have a tread pattern to allow for water and other road debris to be displaced from the road surface to provide the best possible traction. But every tread pattern will cause a vibration due to the tread blocks intermittent contact with the road. An irregular road surface will cause the suspension to move up and down to smooth the ride and keep the vehicle isolated from changes in the roadway. And of course, every piston engine makes vibration from the piston's rise and fall, and the intermittent rapid combustion process inside the cylinder.

Engineers plan for the input of energy and try to control the effects, but no system is perfect, and no system can anticipate every scenario. Tires can wear from improper inflation and/or overloading and exasperate the tire noise and energy of the vibration this causes. Suspension systems have shock absorbers designed specifically to handle the effects and energy input from rocks, random debris, and potholes by transferring the energy into the damping fluid inside. And piston engines have firing orders and counterweights arranged so the energy created from some of the moving parts will be redirected in the opposite direction of other moving parts.

The Law of Conservation of Energy states that energy cannot be created or destroyed, only transformed from one form to another, and the total energy in an isolated system remains constant. This means for us that all the different forces acting on the vehicle must be controlled. The smoother the ride, the better the design of the vehicle. But no design is perfect. Any vibration felt by the operator means there are parts moving that should not be moving.

Proper maintenance can help to minimize the vibration you and your vehicle experience. But things happen. I know of several people that have had the clamp bolts of their steering head assemblies (triple-tree) come loose. I know of others that have had body panels come free after riding a rough road. This is why it is so important to establish a regular T-CLOCS routine. When was the last time you spent some quality time with your vehicle checking its nuts and other fasteners?

State Ride Coordinators



**Bruce & Kathy
Hensley**

State Ride Coordinators

The Blast: What an appropriate name for the biggest event to occur during the year for our organization. It is amazing just how fast three days of good food, great fun and amazing festivities go by.

While all of our State and Chapter events are fun, this is by far the capstone event during the year. Although held in late summer, this event is the culmination of all the events during the year and is the precipice of achievement for the State Staff. The bar is always high for the State Staff to surpass the previous years event in terms of attendance and games and food and rides and fun; and well, it seems insurmountable. But every year the State Staff pulls it off, with more wild games, better rides, great food and fun throughout the weekend. How do they do it; one might ask? By using the creativity that just seems to come naturally for this talented group and then brainstorming these ideas with the entire team working to accomplish common goals.

The event started on Thursday with registration, which is enough for most events. But no, the State Staff planned an Ice Cream Social in the parking lot (what a great treat on a hot day) with multiple types of ice cream confections and one or two treats for those that were lactose intolerant. This was followed with on and off Bike Games to test the physical and mental fortitude of those entered and to provide laughs and entertainment for the crowd gathered. Boy did we get plenty of laughs and close calls (from the water balloons). So much fun for the spectators and the participants.

Friday and Saturday was filled with lots of vendors, a free breakfast on Friday sponsored by Skymed and another on Saturday hosted by the State, honoring the past and present IOY and COYs. There were games all day, and three guided rides were offered each day.

Friday night offered a catered meal of fish and chicken with all the sides, including desert. Pirates took over the venue and games ensued on Friday night, which were hilarious. Of course, there were Prizes, and more prizes and money and 50/50, and gift certificates and more.

Next year's plans are already in the making; dates have been set (August 19-21) and great minds are running wild to make next year's Blast even more fun, fun, fun!! Make your plans now to attend, registrations forms are already available. A Block Rate for hotels will appear shortly. Watch the State Website kyroadriders.org.

SAVE THE DATES...and make plans to attend

I know this sounds impossible, but KRR plans for 2027 are already etched in stone. Yes! That's right! The Winter Warm-Up, Ride-In, Campfire & Comforters Tour, and The Blast have already been set up. All you have to do is save the dates and make plans to attend. The State events have all proven to be a lot of fun, and we all need more fun in our lives, so make the effort to bring yourselves out and you won't be disappointed.

January 30, 2027 – Winter Warm Up – Burlington, KY *KRRS of the Seas.*

June 4–5, 2027 – Kentucky Ride-In New Salem Baptist Church 2775 Deatsville Rd., Cox's Creek, KY 40013 Hosted by the State, with Chapter S providing the location.

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

August 19–21, 2027 – Kentucky Blast District Rally *The Time Warp Tour: A Journey Through Blasts of the Past* Cave City, KY Registration information is available in this newsletter and at kyroadriders.org. Camping and hotel blocks are already open for reservations.



John Keiter
State Pins & Patches

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Welcome to the heatwave!

We all know how well RainX works on your car windshield, it's been around for many years. We just can't use it on our motorcycle windshields or our visors... but wait! (Insert photo) now make a product specifically for plastics!

I have used it and it does the job

It's a real help, especially when you use it on your visor. Something to think about...



The Blast –A Photo Perspective







What's Happening with JMC Rider



End of Summer Labor Day Sale all Bluetooth Headsets!

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

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.



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John Lazzaroni

JMC Rider Founder

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.



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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 \$4000.00

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



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

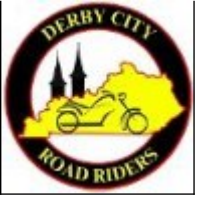


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Our Kentucky Chapters

CHAPTER	MEETING DAY	TIME	LOCATION	WEBSITE
	2nd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7 Louisville, KY 40065	http://chaptera.org
	3rd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd. Lexington, KY 40509	www.kybluegrasswings.org/
	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm Eat 7:00 pm Meet	Acapulco Mexican Grill & Bar, 7718 US 42, Florence, KY 41042.	www.chapterg.org/
	1st Saturday	12:30 (CT) Meet 1:00 (CT) Eat	Echo Lanes 1698 Second St. Henderson, KY 42420	
	2nd Sunday	4:00 pm Eat 5:00 Meet	Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701	
	1st Thursday	6:00 pm Eat CST 7:00 pm Meet CST	Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th Street Mayfield, KY 42066	www.freewebs.com/yducks/

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Be Safe

Visitation is on!

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

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