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March 2025 Newsletter

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Couple of the Year!

Tony & Debi Cagle

State Couple of the Year !

Jim & Kay Bryan

Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 Second St, Henderson, Ky

We will meet this Month on the First Saturday of the Month

March 1st at 11:30 CT.

Have a friend that might be interested? Give them a copy of this Newsletter and invite them to come and check us out.

From the Chapter Directors Corner:

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.

Ta Daa.....

I would like to introduce our new Chapter K Couple of the year

Tony & Debi Cagle

Congratulations !!

Chapter Rides:



All those who wander are not lost (they may just be looking for some really good ice cream 😊)



Events, Rides, and associated Goings Ons.....

Ops Meeting

The KRR Operations meeting was held Saturday, February 8th, 2025 in Burlington KY at the Historical Courthouse, like in the past couple years. The meeting was fun, informative and the food was excellent.

The breakout sessions were informative and there was a lively exchange of information at those that we attended. The only regret is that we couldn't attend them all; as I heard that they were all excellent.



Several of the members won door prizes, seems that Jim was trying to score points with his...LOL



Jim & Kay, the State Couple of the year, introduced the new mascot for 2025, although it looks like Jim is trying to remember the name 😊



The Mystery/ Escape room was loads of fun (and not scary at all) and provided lots of opportunities to work on team building, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Leah, and all of the State Staff. A special thank you to Donita for putting this Escape Room together, I am sure that it took hours.



The meal was a Mexican buffet which was excellent (we missed you Greg & Marilyn).



The event was culminated with the breaking of a giant Piñata, which required significant "Southern Engineering" to rig up. Here we are trying to "test" it. I can see bad things happening here. But, as with all good things, it must come to an end, and sadly we have to clean up till next year.

Future Ghost Buster.... you be the judge.....

Who Ya, gonna Call?????



Future Rides:

The 2025 ride schedule is being developed now, new rides coming soon ☺ Stay tuned....

Shirts:

If you are interested in a shirt or hoody you can go to blankstore.club and shop. The chapter patch is shown as an adder (choose Patches on the left side of the screen on the order form) and can be just the patch or include your name and chapter. If you need more info or help you can contact Tamma Trump at the Blank Store, Phone 678-744-4293, email at theblankstore1@gmail.com

Patches:

We need to discuss our current supply of patches and how we want to move forward with patches and logos.

Rider Education Report

By: Richard Artmayer

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.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Ky State Ride In

The 2025 Ride In will be hosted by Chapter Y in Mayfield.

It will be held on June 6th and 7th at

Ky Dam Village
166 Upper Village Dr
Gilbertsville, Ky
Phone 270-362-4271.

The Room Block is Kentucky Road Riders 5302. If problem finding it make sure they type out KENTUCKY !! Rooms \$107

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, JM Corp/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 WR Website at www.WINGDRIDER.com

THE BLAST !!

Riding, Rocking & Rolling

The Blast will be held at new location in 2025! It will be held at the General Butler State Park in Carrollton, KY on August 14-16.

The room Block has already been created! Make reservations at 866-462-8853. Refer to Block 6977 Ky Road Riders. Rates are \$139.95 & \$154.95 according to the nights. Cottages & camping is also available.

For Sale:



Bruce & Kathy have a set of CSC Chrome reverse wheels and tires for sale. Wheels are like new. Of course the tires look like new but do have 50K miles on them.

Birthdays & Special Occasions:

Happy Birthday Sue Burgess, Mar 3rd

Happy Birthday Kathy Friedman, March 15th.

Happy Birthday Lyn Speight, March 18th.

If you know of any Birthdays or Special occasions, please let us know.