



An Organization of “Friends, for Fun, Safety, & Knowledge”.

April 2025 Newsletter

Check us out on Facebook @ Chapter K-KY Wing'd Riders, Henderson, Ky!!

Chapter K has their own website!! Check it out @

<https://kyroadriders.org/chapterk/>

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Couple of the Year!

Tony & Debi Cagle

State Couple of the Year !

Jim & Kay Bryan

We will meet on the First Saturday of the Month at 12:30 CT.

Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 Second St, Henderson, Ky

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:

It appears that spring has sprung, well, at least on the calendar anyways. The weather locally has ranged from warm (80?) cool (30's) to rain to snow to sunny. What can we say, it is the Midwest for ya. With that said, always carry extra clothes, just in case. And with riding season starting it is a good time to check your first aid supplies, including sun screen. Just because it looks ok or has never been opened, most things have a shelf life. Now when did I restock the first aid kit last....??

Have fun and be safe on the road.

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.....

Visit to Chapter Y



Several members rode to visit Chapter Y on March 6th and of course the Couple of the Year (COY) State Mascot "Burnie" went along for the ride.



Nellie's

Six members went on an afternoon ride on March 12th and wound up at Nellie's Restaurant. Looks like it was a great time. And of course Burnie was there holding court.



Visit to Chapter C

Jim and Kay rode to visit with Chapter C on March 15th. Unfortunately, due to the weather they did not come home with the traveling plaque.

Ride to the Mellow Mushroom



An impromptu ride was held on March 18 to the Mellow Mushroom. Looks like a fun time. Wonder what Burnie ordered?

Ride to Chaney's Dairy Bar

Chapter K made their official first ride of the season on March 22nd to Chaney's Dairy Bar. Two trikes, two Slingshots and a cage made the trip. The weather started cool but was sunny for the trip. I have it on good authority that the ice cream was excellent



Of course Burnie is always ready for a road trip.



Future Rides:

April 12th Hawg Ass Sammiches, Harned, Ky

April 17th, Ferrell's Madisonville, Ky

Stay tuned to Facebook for pop up rides thru the week ☺

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 sat down to write this, I had just ridden home in high wind. This is a good example of a training opportunity that can offer valuable experience before heading West to the Rally this year. But more on that subject at another time.

Last month I broached the subject of packing your gear and properly loading your motorcycle. Especially for longer trips, the weight of the required gear can be more than your motorcycle gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) allows. As promised, here is part 2; ways to carry the "stuff" you need or want to take with you and staying safe while doing so.

The first option is to purchase what you need when you need it and then dispose of it when you are finished using it. While I admit this is not very cost-effective nor environmentally friendly, the one credit card that you use to purchase everything will not overload your motorcycle. This method does have the drawback that you must find or plan the locations of all your purchases and take the time to make them. And there is also the chance that your size is not in stock.

A second and less expensive option is to organize your clothing and other equipment into convenient packages and ship it to your destination(s). Having a freight service deliver the items you need to use while at your destination will also not overwhelm your motorcycle's GVWR. This method tends to be more reliable than the "buy it now" option above but can be somewhat of a burden to your wallet and has the drawback that you will also need to find a way to ship the items (if they are not disposable) back home.

The third option, and the one I have almost always chosen, is to use what the former GWRRA described as "alternative loading" of the items you need or want to take with you while touring. The most common form of alternative loading is using a trailer. The advantage of a trailer is the weight that adds to your motorcycle's GVWR is only the weight of the load measured where the trailer connects to your tow vehicle, called tongue weight. To illustrate this, let me use my circumstance as an example. I have

a Bushtec Turbo+2 which weighs about 125 pounds empty. Industry standard for trailer tongue weight is about 10% to 15% of the gross weight of the trailer and its contents. When I pull my empty trailer, the weight on the motorcycle at the connection point of the trailer hitch (the ball or pin) should be between 12 and 19 pounds. As discussed last month, this is well within the capacity of my 2004 Gold Wing, especially if the trunk and saddle bags remain empty. The GVWR of my Bushtec is 350 pounds, which means I can add to the trailer up to 225 pounds of “stuff” before I overload the trailer. When fully loaded, the tongue weight should be between 35 and 53 pounds. Again, this load is still within the capacity of my bike under the same circumstances. Of course, this option, like the others, also has drawbacks.

The first drawback is that the trailer, hitch, and supporting harnesses and gear must be purchased and installed on your towing vehicle. While this cost can be substantial in the short term, when properly maintained trailers can last the life of your bike, and often longer, depending on frequency of use. Second, shifting cargo can change the balance of everything and cause unsafe and uncomfortable experiences. Third, while we are using the trailer as an alternative way for the motorcycle to carry the load, our bikes still must start, stop, and steer the complete rig on the road. In my case, at its maximum, an additional 350 pounds is now being controlled by the same brakes that were installed on my motorcycle which were not designed to manage this much mass. And finally, all this weight is at the end of a lever (the tongue of the trailer) that now has a mechanical advantage to force the rear wheel of your motorcycle in the direction of the trailer’s momentum if it chooses.

Next month we will consider ways to mitigate the drawbacks of pulling a trailer.

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



Kentucky Ride-In

June 6 & 7, 2025

Hosted by: Chapter Y, Mayfield KY

Lakeland Event Center, 4900 US-62, Calvert City, KY 42029

Choose your ride experience, reunite with friends and make new ones!

Accommodations:

Host Campground: Make your reservations for **Kentucky Dam Village** on-line through Reserve America or call 502-348-3500. Several campers have reservations around site #17.

Host Hotel: Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park: 113 Administration Dr., Gilbertsville, KY 422044. Block Rate is \$107.96 + tax. Please mention Kentucky Road Riders 5302, to secure the block rate. Block closes April 30, 2025.

Thursday, June 5th – 6:00pm Pre-registration and **KRR Pot-Luck** at KY Dam Village Campground. Burgers and Hot Dogs provided. Bring a side to share.

Friday Activities, June 6th

8:30am - Registration/Check in

9:45am – Staging for Guided Ride

10:00am – Guided Ride Departs (Lunch Stop)

3:00pm - Wingo

5:00pm – 50/30/20 Drawing

5:30pm – Dinner @ Lakeland Event Center

6:30pm – Chapter Y Gathering

7:30pm – Games and Socializing

9:00pm - Good night

Saturday Activities, June 7th

8:30am - Registration/Check in

9:45am – Staging for Guided Ride

10:00am – Guided Ride Departs (Lunch Stop)

3:00pm - Wingo

4:15pm – Prize Drawing/50/30/20 Drawing/Closing

5:00pm – Appetizers and Chapter K Gathering

6:00pm – Safe Travels Home

Registration: \$25.00 per person Wing'D Rider Member

\$30.00 per person non Wing'D Rider

Registration includes Guided Ride/Self-Guided Ride Information, Thursday night Burgers and Hot Dogs, Friday night dinner, Appetizers for Chapter K Gathering on Saturday.

Mail Registration to:

Rick and Leah Cridlin, 1601 Drake Ct, Hebron, KY 41048, 859-534-5292

Makes checks payable to: KY KRR/Contact Luanne Williams (treasurer@kyroadriders.org) for payment by credit card

Rider: _____ Rider/Co-Rider: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Chapter: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

****Times and activities are subject to change based on weather and the Governors Guidance due to COVID 19****

I/We agree to conform and comply with the ideas governing this convention and we further agree to hold harmless KRR, 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 convention. I/We agree to assume responsibility for any property which we damage or destroy. I/We have read and understand these terms.

Rider: _____ Date: _____

Rider/Co-Rider: _____ Date: _____

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.





Garage kept 2005 Honda Goldwing Anniversary Edition with MotorTrike trike kit. 70,720 miles with many to go! Hot rod yellow with matching 1999 Bushtec trailer. The bike has a Hartco seat, XM radio and a mount for a Garmin GPS. The trailer includes a new spare tire, cooler and cooler cover. It has been licensed to be able to cross into Canada.

Will also include bike and trailer cover. Have other related motorcycle items for additional consideration.

It can be seen in Versailles, KY by appointment. Currently priced at \$13,500, but will reduce the price for my Goldwing family! More pictures by request.

Please contact Dedre at 859-229-5859 or dedrej2@aol.com

Birthdays & Special Occasions:

Happy Birthday Cheri Brown, April 20th.

Happy Birthday Joe Cain, April 12th.

Happy Anniversary, Jim & Kay Bryan, April 22nd.

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