



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

May 2025 Newsletter

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<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:

More changes to the organization. I know that many if not all have seen the announcements from Wing'd Riders concerning the cancellation of the Wing'd Rally #3 and the reorganization/renaming of the group. I am sure that this has sparked many conversations/discussions/debates about the future of our organization, both at the State and National level. Remember this, at the end of the day it doesn't change who we are, and it doesn't change our common bond of riding, having the wind in our face and enjoying the fellowship of like-minded individuals. No matter what name is above our door or on our jackets, that is our common goal. Have fun and be safe on the road.

From John Lazzeroni/Wing'd Riders

Below are responses to questions posed to John by our State Directors and some additional comments from our State Directors:

Here is the latest information I have from John Lazzeroni.

- All Wing'D Rider members holding a current membership will automatically become members of JMC Riders. John likes the Wing'D Rider name, but he can't trademark it, because of the word "Wing" being used in a motorcycle organization. He has to trademark whatever name used in conjunction with JM Corporation, which is why the name change is necessary.
- Wing'D Rider will continue to operate concurrently with JMC Riders through September, which covers any events requiring insurance. Currently we are being asked to provide a copy of our insurance to General Butler State Park, which John is in the process of preparing for us.
- The name change has no impact on the operation of the States and Chapters. The only change is the name and the way the organization is managed with the IRS.
- Membership fees will be reduced in the future. Did not specify by how much.

John feels the change is necessary to reduce costs (because he can incorporate some of the costs through JM Corporation), and to appear more attractive to non-Goldwing riders. Wing'D Rider was losing money, because there have been relatively few new members since the first year, and our members have not been renewing their membership. Actual numbers weren't discussed, but we currently only have 35% of the members that we had the first year. John believes that we can recruit new members with the name change by using the JM Corporation trailer set up at the large rallies they normally attend. His plan is to host a JMC Rider ride at each of those rallies, which is free to JMC Rider members, and will be used as a recruitment tool for non-members who want to participate in the rides. He currently plans to lead these rides himself.

For those who didn't get to see the facts behind the rally in South Dakota being cancelled, the reason is that registrations didn't cover the cost. Remember, he asked us to promote getting registered by the end of December so he could use those numbers to get vendors. The results weren't good at all. For Wing'D Rider Rally #1 the attendance was around 600 people, which he was happy with. For Wing'D Rider Rally #2, the attendance was around 200, which obviously wasn't good. Registration numbers for Wing'D Rider Rally #3 was less than 150, and the rally was scheduled to be held in a much more expensive venue than Niehaus Cycles.

Those of us on the State and Chapter Staffs should be able to understand all of this, which is clearly a business decision. On a personal note, I am very disappointed in the name change as Leah and I have invested a small fortune in Wing'D Rider apparel, which some of you have done as well. A positive thing for us is that we had the forethought to not include any Wing'D Rider logo in our KRR logo, so at least there is no impact on our state shirts. The chapters that used Wing'D Rider in their new logo do not have to change them unless they want to. The name change and logo change is somewhat subtle.

The bottom line for Kentucky as I see it is that we can continue to function as we have been, but that also means that we are in the same predicament as we have been in as well. That is that we need our members to maintain their membership, and we have to recruit more members. It goes without saying that to maintain our status quo, when a member doesn't renew, we need to recruit a replacement. For us to grow, we not only need to replace those who don't renew, but we need to attract more members.

We have the summer to decide what we are going to do. We will schedule a staff call in the near future to discuss this and any new information that comes our way. In the meantime, please share your thoughts.

As always, thank you all for everything you do,

Rick Cridlin
KY State Director

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.....

Future Rides:

So in case of bad weather it will be postponed until the following weekend. Watch Fb for details.

Hogg Ass Sammiches, Garfield, KY. April 12

Another scenic ride through Kentucky with the best barbecue around for lunch. Chapters A & S may be interested in a meet-up.

Ferrell's, Madisonville. April 17

Just a fun ride with friends to one our favorite hamburger joints and probably a stop for ice cream at our favorite ice cream place.

Log Inn. May 7

This is just a ride to eat. I will need a firm commitment at our May chapter meeting from anyone planning to go. I will need to make reservations or we may not get seated for a long time. I also understand they get persnickety if you arrive with anything other than the exact number you reserved.

Blessing of the bikes, at Robert's Park (used to be Robert's Stadium) it is by the National Guard Armory, Sunday May 4th

Details to be announced at a later date

Blessing of the Bikes, Bald Knob Cross, Alto Pass IL. May 18

Details to be announced at a later date

Huber's Restaurant, Winery and Farm Store. May 24

A nice ride via scenic routes 66 & 62. The family style restaurant is at one location. About a mile away is a huge farm store with produce, bakery items and fudge. Strawberries should be in season. At this location there is also a creamery with ice cream and cheese and the winery. The winery has a café and a patio where you can sit and listen to the band or performer. If you prefer, you can dance.

Columbus-Belmont SP, Hickman Ferry & Kentucky Bend. May 31-June 1

Day 1: Ride to the State Park in the morning with an afternoon ride to Hickman Ferry. Spend the night in the vicinity of Reelfoot Lake. Depending on the time, we will spend some time either visiting Reelfoot on Day 1 or the morning of Day2.

Day 2: Ride to Kentucky Bend. Only accessible via Tennessee. Return ride through Kentucky.

Ice Cream Ride to Birds Eye with Lunch at Vann's. June 14

This ride will be planned and led by Charles Friedman. Details soon.

Casey IL & Hershey Museum, Robinson, IL. June 21

Casey IL is home to everything BIG. The largest mailbox, the largest manure fork, the largest mouse trap and the list goes on. We will have lunch there. On the way, we stop in Robinson IL at the Hershey Museum for candy and goodies.

Red Onion Ride to Eat, Equality IL. June 28

While some of our riders will be in So. Dakota at the Wing's Riders Ride IN many of us will take a fun ride to Equality IL to what I have been assured is a very good diner. The ride itself will be through the beautiful Illinois countryside.

Hell to Heaven Ride. July 11-13

Hell for Certain Road to Kingdom State Park

Day 1: Henderson to London KY. Overnight in London

Day 2: Hell to Heaven Ride with a stop at Chained Mountain before returning to London for the night.

Day 3: Return Ride to Henderson

Approximate miles: 720 mi

Mi Pueblito Mexican Restaurant, Calhoun, KY. July 17

Ride to eat.

Storm the Mountains, Big Bone Gap, VA. July 30-August 3

The ride to get to Big Bone Gap will be half the fun. The event is for all types of vehicles: two-wheelers, trikes, slingshots, cars, jeeps, etc.

They have a block of rooms (not available online) at the Quality Inn & Suites (276) 523-5911 and tekk you are with the Slingshot groups.

More information available at www.stormthemountains.com.

Lambert's Sikeston Missouri Ride to Eat. July 26

Details to be announced at a later date

Patoka Lake Wildlife Cruise. August 6

10am-12pm EST Rain or shine. Will carpool in case of rain.

\$25 for adults. Will need to make reservations

A stop at Patoka Lake Winery and Restaurant afterwards

Paris Tn, Big Sandy Ferry, Fat Daddy's Tiki Hut & The Trace. Sept 13-14

This is a repeat of last year's ride. Some people have expressed an interest in doing it again.

Day 1: Big Sandy Ferry via Paris then a afternoon stop at Fat Daddy's Tiki Hut on the shores of Kentucky Lake for eats and music. Return to our hotel in Paris. Everyone can choose their own restaurant.

Day2: A ride up the length of the Trace. Lunch in Grand Rivers and a Kentucky scenic back country ride back to Henderson.

Route 70 Ride. October 10-12

Planned and led by Charles Friedman

Details to be announced at a later date

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

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: _____

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

Happy Anniversary,

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