



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

February 2026 Newsletter

Check us out on Facebook @ Chapter K-KY Road Riders, Henderson, Ky!!

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

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

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Couple of the Year

Dean & Cheri Brown

Individual of the Year!

Debi Michel

State Couple of the Year !

Jim & Kay Bryan

**We meet on the First Saturday of the Month at 12:30 CT.
Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 Second St, Henderson, Ky**

Walk ins are welcome. Come join the fun!! 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 watching the snow blow past our windows from the Blizzard of 2026 the riding season seems so far away, as the needs of the moment overwhelm the promise of the future. Isn't that the way that some of us view life? Unable to see the beauty that is just on the other side of whatever event, hardship or tragedy is before us. As for me, I am counting the days until we can get out and ride together. But we can gather and have fun and fellowship at the Winter Warm Up coming up January 30 & 31 at the Boone County Courthouse in Burlington, Ky. Lots of food, fun and information planned and there is still time to sign up !

I hope to see everyone there!!

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



Chapter Rides:

News Years Day Ride (Brrrrrr) also known as the Frozen Pickle?

I think that Jim Bryan ws the only one to brave the cold to ride. And I don't know how many miles he rode as I was in sunny Florida. ☺

Holiday Get Together



The annual Holiday get-together was held on January 10th and most of the Chapter was present! We missed those who could not

attend. As always there was way more food that we could possibly eat in one day, although we did put forth



a

valiant effort LOL. There was plenty of fun and fellowship. Stories were told, recipes where shared, gifts were exchanged (and stolen)



and games were played. Suffice it to say it was a fun afternoon. rides were planned as well.



Lots of new



Upcoming Events, Rides, and Associated Goings Ons.....



Kentucky Road Riders

Winter Warm up

January 30-31, 2026

Boone County Courthouse
Burlington, KY

Historical Courthouse in Burlington, KY (same as years past)

Theme: Kentucky Olympics (since we have the 2026 world

Olympics...let's have some KY fun!)

Friday, January 30th 6:00pm Opening Ceremonies - Pizza Party and.. finalizing the rest of the details

Saturday, January 31st - 8:00am - Let the festivities and games begin

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5:30pm - Team Round Up

6:00pm - Team Dinner (Catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken)

7:15pm - Lighting of the Torch the Games Begin

8:30pm - Refueling (Dessert)

8:45pm - Medal Ceremony

9:00pm - Closing Ceremonies

Cost is \$25,00 per person –

Below is the link to book your room for the KY Warm Up, January 30th and 31st.

The room rate is \$99.00 per night. There are King and double Queen rooms. They are all suites which means there is a sofa, that can become a sleeper. Included in the room rate is a full breakfast buffet. Pets are allowed and there is an indoor pool. There is also a very large area for socializing.

The hotel is located in Florence. It is closer to shopping and dining. I think you will enjoy the new location.

Comfort Suites Florence - Cincinnati South
5905 Merchants St
Florence, Ky 41042
859-488-1708

Group Name: KY Road Riders

Group Number:

AK73T5



Kentucky Road Riders Winter Warm Up 2026



KY Olympics

When: Saturday, January 31, 2026, 5:30pm - 10pm

Where: Burlington Historical Courthouse, 2988 Washington St,
Burlington, KY 41005

Hotel: Comfort Suites, 5905 Merchants St., Florence, KY 41042
Rooms \$99.00 per night, includes full breakfast buffet, pets are
welcome and indoor swimming pool

Reservation cut off is January 23, 2026

Group Name: KY Road Riders Group Number AK73T5

- ❖ 2026 is the Winter Olympics for the world....Why not have our own Winter Olympics KRR style?

❖ Opening Ceremonies, Team Selection, Teams Dinner, Games, Awards and Closing Ceremonies will keep us busy all night long

❖ **Dinner:** Kentucky Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Biscuits, Dessert and Drinks
Cost is \$25.00 per person

❖ **Friday Night, January 30th** - Pizza Party and the Charitables Band –
6:00pm – 10:00pm
Cost is \$5.00 per person

Please circle your pizza toppings: Pepperoni – Sausage – Onions – Green Peppers – Mushrooms – Green Olives – Black Olives – Banana Peppers – Ham – Pineapple – Plain Cheese

Registration Information

Friday Night Pizza Party \$5.00 x 2 Saturday Night Olympics & Dinner \$25.00 x 2 Total: \$ 60.00_____

Rider: _____ Rider/Co-Rider: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

State/Chapter: _____

Make Checks payable to: Kentucky Road Riders.

Mail Registrations to: Rick and Leah Cridlin, 1601 Drake Ct., Hebron, KY 41048

PH: 859-534-5292

Venmo - @Leah-Cridlin

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

Rider: _____

CoRider: _____

Date: _____



KY State Ride In

The 2026 Ride In will be held on June 5th and 6th and will be hosted by Chapter C. The location will be the Immanuel Baptist Church, 4451 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509. Please check back later for more details.



The Blast

The 2026 Blast will be held August 13th through the 15th at General Butler State Park, please check back later for more details.

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

Rider Education Report

By: Richard Artmayer

My day job requires me to follow a project from its inception until its delivery to the customer. As a direct result, the customer becomes accustomed to contacting me with all of their questions about the product we are providing for their application. They will often then contact me during the installation, especially if things are not going smoothly as they commission the product. Many times, the roadblock the customer experiences is a result of their failure to plan their side of the project properly. Fortunately for me, we have an After-Sales department, and I can hand the customer off to them. 😊

The best riding I have ever experienced has been the direct result of good planning. Benjamin Franklin has been credited with being the first person to suggest "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail". You can search the internet to confirm that many people have an opinion about this idea, but it seems to me that the concept is clear. I accept this idea as a rule in life, and I work hard to live by it. Lest you think this is untrue, just ask my wife.

As motorsport enthusiasts, we can all benefit from good planning. And I do not mean only when we are working on the details of some big tour from a bucket list. We can, and should, plan our everyday riding. Of course, there is no way to know every scenario we will encounter before our ride begins, but there is plenty we can do to plan and do the best we can for a successful and safe experience.

Our environment is constantly changing. Modern day forecasting is relatively consistent and, at least in my experience, provides enough accuracy to allow me to plan what equipment I need to wear and what additional accessories I will pack just in case. I find it especially important to look at the average weather scenarios for a given region. Knowing the average temperatures and precipitation helps in planning your equipment. Being comfortable is important for more than just your mood; it is important for safety, because if you are not thinking about staying warm or staying dry, you can concentrate better on the traffic conditions around you.

Traffic conditions are also constantly changing, but weekday traffic tends to present a predictable pattern and allows one to plan around it. Knowing where the usual bottlenecks occur allows us to plan a different and safer route. And listening to a local radio station that offers traffic reports will aid in choosing one of your planned alternate routes at the appropriate moment.

Maintenance of our transportation is always important for the best experience. Most every vehicle sold in the last century has been given a recommended service interval for various items to keep the vehicle trouble-free. It is important to know the number of miles and/or the duration of the trip to plan for proper maintenance. Longer trips require proper calculations to ascertain if maintenance procedures should be performed before or planned to be performed during the adventure.

Personal maintenance may be the most important planning you can make. Maintaining a proper diet is one way to plan for when the only food available is farther away than you thought and not as nutritious as you might otherwise need. A medically approved exercise program is one way to plan for a longer day than expected due to a traffic delay, or a more physical ride than expected due to strong weather. And participating in the occasional, at least annual, “on-bike” training is planning for the inevitable sudden traffic events that require the “muscle memory” such training provides.

I am my best customer when it comes to making a fun route for riding. Unfortunately, I do not have an “After-Ride-Planning” department to solve any issues I may encounter. While it is true that what doesn’t kill us makes us stronger, I like to avoid any uncomfortable drama on my trips by planning for as many scenarios as possible, so I have options for which I am equipped. I accept that I may experience failure in my plan, but I cannot accept failure because I did not make a plan.

For Sale:

Lumina motorcycle trailer, yr unknown, cargo box is 45" x 27" x17" with carpet. Has battery light +cargo net in the lid of the trailer. Has a small box on the tongue of the trailer. I camped out of it for 15,000 miles without difficulty.

\$750 Sale price
Stan Burgess
270-929-1332
dbins2@gmail.com



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 to Debi Michel on February 25th.
Happy Anniversary to Dean & Cheri Brown on February 22nd.

If you know of any Birthdays or Special occasions, please let us know.
If we have missed anyone we are truly sorry, please help us to update our list.