



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

May 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/>

Chapter Directors: Bruce & Kathy Hensley
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Phone: 270-577-9807

Treasurer:	Greg Leslie
Ride Coordinators:	Jim & Kay Bryan
MEC (Membership Enhancement Coordinator):	Dean & Cheri Brown
Couple of the Year	Dean & Cheri Brown
Individual of the Year!	Debi Michael
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:

No matter how meticulously you attempt to plan your ride, things can and will happen. Wrong turns can occur; roads and bridges may be closed with no detours. Restaurants can be closed unexpectedly or too full to accommodate the 10+ you may be traveling with for the meal. An unexpected breakdown may occur mid ride. Or worse, tragedy may occur in the form of an accident requiring our reliance on training. All of these events require the ride captain to be able to pivot from “what was planned” to “what do we need to do now”. This requires the full cooperation from every person on the ride from making suggestions, to being patient till an outcome is reached, to falling on that long ago training that was given and reinforced multiple times becoming muscle memory and everyone “doing their part” and becoming that well-oiled machine.

The riding season is in full swing and it’s time to review your training. Are you and your co-rider current in CPR/First Aid? Have you had recent on bike training course? Classes are scheduled for May 30 in Walton, KY. Have you reviewed emergency procedures in the case of an incident while on the road? What about reviewing emergency equipment? How fast can you find your first aid kit? What about your fire extinguisher? I know, we have all been thru this several times before but you can NEVER have enough training. Emergency procedures should be muscle memory.

Chapter Rides & Events:

This month wasn’t as busy as last month, but less quantity and more quality 😊.

Visit to Chapter A - April 11

Five Members made the trip to Chapter A to visit with them and to try to capture one or both of the mascots.

There were four Chapters represented with a good turnout.





Chapter K brought home both of the Mascots. Let the journeys continue !



Porgy's Chow Wagon – April 12th



On April 12th 10 members rode to Porgie's Chow Wagon in Rough River on one two wheeler, three trikes, one Slingshot and one cage.

The lunch was great as we were joined by five members of Chapter A, what a splendid group! The weather was perfect and the roads were good.





However, tragedy struck just shortly after leaving the lunch stop. The high winds that have been buffeting western Ky for the last several weeks blew road debris into the road at the curve on the Rough River dam and our newest member, Eric Johnson, went down on his bike. Injuries were severe and 911 was called to dispatch local sheriff deputies and EMS. Eric was life flighted due to his injuries and he did require surgery but his spirits remained high and he is on the road to what we hope will be a full recovery.

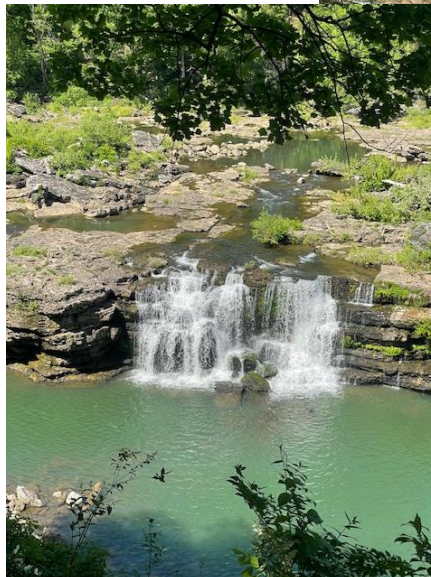
Waterfall Ride to Tennessee – Weekend of April 25-26



Mother Nature decided that we needed to postpone our Waterfall ride by a week but that didn't dampen the spirits of those who could make the ride a week later. Jim & Kay did a splendid job of planning and executing this ride. Four trikes and two slingshots made the trip with nine members and one visitor.

The roads were great, the views were spectacular, the adventures were interesting. Seven waterfalls were visited;

- Cummins Falls
- Caney Creek Cascades
- Rockhouse Falls
- Piney Creek Falls
- Twin Falls
- Great Falls



All were unique in their own ways. We even found a suspension bridge to play on. All in all, a great ride. 530 Miles.



Wait? Whose leading the ride now?



Almost a great place to eat 😊



Does this qualify as a waterfall??

The Wanderings of Beavis and Winston:



Well, at least Beavis was safe on the ride to Porgies...



Winston got to go to his first Car Show and Dean taught him how to work on classics, you crawl in there and work on em.



Rumor has it that Beavis really likes bugs as snacks.



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

Blessing of the Bikes -May 3rd

The ABATE Region 8 Blessing of the Bikes in Evansville, IN, is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Robert's Park (2600 E Division St). Gates open at 9 a.m. with the blessing ceremony starting at 10 a.m. This annual event offers a blessing for riders, passengers, and bikes for safety, often followed by a ride.

Chapter K Picnic – May 16th

The Chapter K Picnic will be held on May 16th at the Hensley Flying Field, the road right beside 15400 Upper Delaware Rd, Henderson, Ky. The picnic will start around 1 PM, CT. Everyone is welcome. The Chapter will furnish the meat, baked beans and potato salad and paper goods. Everyone else bring drinks or deserts, and/or sides. Please coordinate with Kathy and or Cheri as to whether you are planning to attend and how many so that we can have enough food. We will probably have a short ride for those interested starting at 9 AM from the Field.

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.



Kentucky Ride-In

June 5 & 6, 2026

Hosted by: Chapter C, Lexington, KY

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

Venue: Immanuel Baptist Church, 4451 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509

Accommodations:

Host Campground: Make your reservations for Kentucky Horse Park on-line through Reserve America.

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 100 Winchester Plaza, Winchester, KY 40391. The room rate is \$159.00 + tax per night.
859-795-8050 Block: Kentucky Road Riders

Thursday, June 5th – Dinner 6:00pm, at Ramsey's Diner, 3090 Helmsdale Pl, Lexington, KY 40509, Dinner is pay as you go, bring cash. Estimated cost per person is \$30 per person + dessert. Short Chapter Y meeting for those in attendance.

Friday Activities, June 5th

8:00am - Registration/Check in

Ride Departure times to be announced

3:00pm - Wingo

5:00pm – 50/30/20 Drawing

6:00pm – Dinner catered by Sonny's BBQ

Saturday Activities, June 6th

8:00am - Registration/Check in

Ride Departure times to be announced

3:00pm - Wingo

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

5:00pm – Snacks and Chapter K Gathering

Registration: \$25.00 per person Kentucky Road Rider Member

\$30.00 per person non Kentucky Road Rider

Registration includes Guided and Self-Guided Ride Information, Friday night dinner, Snacks 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: Kentucky Road Riders

Contact Luanne Williams (treasurer@kyroadriders.org) for payment by credit or Venmo @Leah-Cridlin

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: _____

Campfires & Comforters Tour - July 24 - 26, 2026

Campground:

Cave City RV Campground
216 Gaunce Dr.
Cave City, KY 42127
270-773-4678

The campground is holding a block of campsites for us. Please call to make your reservations and mention Kentucky Road Riders.

The rate is \$58.50 per night.

Two motorcycle campers can share a site. Only one person should call to make the reservation. The block will only be held until April 11th. The only reason there is a block is because half the campground is already booked.

Two Hotels are right next to the campground.

Hampton Inn Cave City

803 Sanders St
Cave City, KY 42127
270-773-7300
Rates start at \$180 per night

Comfort Inn & Suites Cave City

819 Sanders St
Cave City, KY 42127
270-261-4053
Rates start at \$137.00 per night

There are other hotels in the area, but these are the two next to the campground. No blocks are reserved, this is a make your own reservation kind of trip.

Rick is going to make our reservation from July 23-26. He plans to ride Friday(24th) and Saturday(25th) to as many "thumbs up" spots as possible on the Around the World in Kentucky 2026 Ride Challenge. You can ride as much or as little as you wish on this trip.

Storm The Mountains Summer Ride 2026

- Dates: July 30 – August 2, 2026
- Location: Big Bone Gap, Virginia.



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.



Kentucky Road Riders **2026 KY Blast District Rally** **August 13-15, 2026** *Buccaneers on Bikes* *A Pirates Voyage*

Join Kentucky for our 4th Annual Rally
Vendors– Games - Wingo - Ice Cream Social
Couple/Individual of the Year Selection
Daily 50/30/20 – IOY/COY Social Hour – On Bike Games
RPM Academy Classes - Team Challenges & Daily Rides
There is really something for EVERYONE!

Accomodations:

General Butler State Resort Park 1-502-732-4384

1608 KY 227, Carrollton, KY 41008

Group Name: Kentucky Road Riders 7440

Double Rooms \$129.95.00 Thursday night + tax

Friday & Saturday \$145.00 night + tax

King Rooms \$139.95.00 Thursday night + tax

Friday & Saturday \$149.95 night + tax

Block rates are reserved until July 12, 2026

1,2 & 3 Bedroom Cottages Available:

Contact Leah for pricing

General Butler State Resort Park

Campground (502) 732-4826

Website Reserve America

1608 KY 227, Carrollton, KY 41008

From \$35.00 per night

Grand Prize \$400.00

Tickets \$1.00 each

Pre-order with Registration

Or

Purchase on-site

Grand Prize given away at Closing Ceremonies

You must be present to win!!!

Registration Information

Rider: _____

JMC Rider# _____ Exp: _____

Rider/Co-Rider: _____

JMC Rider# _____ Exp: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

State/Chapter: _____

Miles to Rally: _____ One Up: _____ Two Up: _____

*******Pre-Registration Ends on July 31, 2026*******

For PRE-REGISTRATION and STATISTICAL AWARDS, your registration MUST be postmarked by 7/31/2026.

JMC Rider Member: \$35.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____ Non-Member: \$40.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

2026 Rally Pin: \$5.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Is this your First KY Rally? _____

Is this your first Rally of any kind? _____

******* Registration after July 31, 2026*******

JMC Rider Member: \$40.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____ Non-Member: \$45.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____
2026 Rally Pin: \$5.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Day Passes Sold on-site: \$20.00

**Statistical Awards are based upon
Pre-Registration**

Largest KY Chapter in Attendance by Percentage
Largest KY Chapter in Attendance
Largest District/State Attendance Outside of KY
Longest Distance 1-Up Male/Female
Longest Distance 2-Up Male/Female



**A Pirates' Night Out:
August 14, 2026
Dinner @ 6:00pm
Games @ 7:00pm**

Number attending _____ x \$30.00 each= _____

A Pirates' Night Out Includes:

Buffet Dinner:

Tossed Garden Salad, Hot Rolls, Corn Bread & Butter,
Park's Fried Fish and Hushpuppies & Herb Roasted Chicken, Country Green Beans, Roasted Red
New Potatoes, California Blend Vegetables,
Banana Pudding, & Cherry Cobbler
Iced Tea, Soft Drinks and Coffee Service

Games: Thar She Blows – Plunder the Deep
Rotating the Helm – A Treasure Hunt – Polly Want a Cracker – The Plank – Arrrrr you Ready for
Some Fun?

A Pirates' Bounty of Clues & Coins will be provided for the Pirates' Night

Registration Total: _____

A Pirates' Night Out Total: _____

Grand Prize Ticket Pre-Purchase: _____

Total: _____

Make Checks payable to: Kentucky Road Riders

Mail Registrations to: Rick and Leah Cridlin

1601 Drake Ct.,

Hebron, KY 41048

PH: 859-534-5292

**Electronic Payment is accepted.
Contact Leah Cridlin or Luanne Williams
Venmo @Leah-Cridlin**

Thursday, August 13, 2026

3:00pm – 4:00pm – Welcome

4:00pm – 4:30pm – Ice Cream Social

4:30pm – 6:00pm – On-Bike Games

7:00pm – 9:00pm – Pizza Party @ Hometown Pizza

(pay as you go)

RSVP for Pizza Party: _____

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Kentucky Road Riders
Visit our State Website:
www.kyroadriders.org

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Rider: _____

Co-Rider: _____

Date: _____

Save the dates

State Leafpeeping Tour Oct. 23-26

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

Rider Education Report

By: Richard Artmayer

This month we are planning a training on May 30, 2026, at the Indian / KTM dealer in Walton, KY.

I am hoping that there is a large interest in this training, such that we fill the class and have enough inquiries to force a second (or third) training date to be made. I have heard several, and can think of other, reasons why many do not want to participate in the various training being offered, especially the on-bike courses. I would like to explain why I believe the same reasons people express not to participate are in actuality the reasons why they should embrace the training.

Training courses that practice basic skill sets are a form of rote learning. Wikipedia gives us the following definition: "**Rote learning** is a memorization technique based on repetition. The method rests on the premise that the recall of repeated material becomes faster the more one repeats it." It is true that the on-bike training courses in which I have participated have all basically, if not completely, utilized the same exercises in every instance. This is probably the same experience that you have had. And in fact, the training course being planned for May 30 will indeed use the same exercises as in the past from the "Sunny-side Up" course. Repeating

the same training exercises is an example of rote learning. It is meant to reinforce what was learned in the past and potentially what may have been forgotten since the last training experience.

In school, rote learning was used for things like multiplication and division, verb tenses, spelling, and such. It was usually associated with a test, usually in written form, which gave students a goal to achieve and the means to measure their success. Motorcycle training exercises in a controlled environment are a form of rote learning which I believe to be important. I understand that practicing on a closed course, especially when people are watching, can feel like a test but I would suggest that people are always watching every move we make when we are out riding. This means that every day we ride, we take a test. During the training day, you may be pulled aside and offered some advice or constructive criticism, but there will be no formal test. Normally, nothing serious will happen and everyone will be dismissed to go home. During a ride, like a commute to work, or for ice cream, or wherever, there (hopefully) will be no one to pull you aside if you make a small mistake or otherwise not perform your best. But I argue that every ride is a test, with a pass or fail score. And when you make it to the end of that ride, you know the score.

One other thing that participating in on-bike training on a regular basis will provide is a consistent set of experiences you can use for comparison. I would suggest that many riders, including me, are not realistically able to compare and properly evaluate their day-to-day riding. This is because every ride has constantly changing variables that make it unique from any other ride. An on-bike training course that uses the same exercises on the same measured course has only one real variable – you. Any difference you notice, or the trainer/observer advises, is because of you. For me, this is valuable information that I can use to evaluate my ability to continue to ride and do so safely.

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 Kay on May 1st.

Happy Birthday to Johnny Speight Kay on May 26th.

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.