



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

September 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 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:

The Blast: What an appropriate name for the biggest event to occur during the year for our organization. It is amazing just how fast three days of good food, great fun and amazing festivities go by.

While all of our State and Chapter events are fun, this is by far the capstone event during the year. Although held in late summer, this event is the culmination of all the events during the year and is the



precipice of achievement for the State Staff. The bar is always high for the State Staff to surpass the previous years event in terms of attendance and games and food and rides and fun; and well, it seems insurmountable. But every year the State Staff pulls it off, with more wild games, better rides, great food and fun throughout the weekend. How do they do it; one might ask? By using the creativity that just seems to come naturally for this talented group and then brainstorming these ideas with the entire team working to accomplish common

goals.

The event started on Thursday with registration, which is enough for most events. But no, the State Staff planned an Ice Cream Social in the parking lot (what a great treat on a hot day) with multiple types of ice cream confections and one or two treats for those that were lactose intolerant. This was followed with on and off Bike Games to test the physical and mental fortitude of those entered and to provide laughs and entertainment for the crowd gathered. Boy did we





get plenty of laughs and close calls (from the water balloons). So much fun for the spectators and the participants.

Friday and Saturday was filled with lots of vendors, a free breakfast on Friday sponsored by Skymed and another on Saturday hosted by the State, honoring the past and present IOY and COYs. There were games all day, and three guided rides were offered each day.

Friday night offered a catered meal of fish and chicken with all the sides, including desert. Pirates took over the venue and games ensued on Friday night, which were hilarious. Of course, there were Prizes, and more prizes and money and 50/50, and gift certificates and more.

Next year's plans are already in the making; dates have been set (August 19-21) and great minds are running wild to make next year's Blast even more fun, fun, fun!! Make your plans now to attend, registration forms are already available. A Block Rate for hotels will appear shortly. Watch the State Website kyroadriders.org.





Chapter Rides & Events:

Storm the Mountains 2026

This was a wonderful four day event that we stretched into six :_) The hills and curves of Big Stone Gap Virginia never fail to please and the folks and bikes are a delight to watch and interact with. Three members rode over and met up with other members of KRRA as well as lots of other folks from around the State.



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

October Chapter Fall Get together -Soup and Sandwich Oct.

Details to follow.

Slinging in the Ozarks 2026

September 17-20

Eureka Springs Arkansas

Several of us are planning to ride to this event. One group will leave on Tuesday September 15th and some of us are going to ride down on Wednesday the 16th.



Save the Dates!

Leaf Peeper State Ride

October 23 – 26, 2026

A ride across the Kentucky Chapters. Ride the across the state or join
where you can. Details to follow



Winter Warm Up – January 30, 2027
Burlington, KY
KRR of the Seas



Kentucky Ride In – June 4-5, 2027
New Salem Baptist Church, 2775 Deatsville Rd
Cox's Creek, KY 40013

The 2nd Campfire & Comforters Tour

July 29-August 1, 2027

The Breaks Interstate Park

627 Commission Circle

Breaks, VA 24607

PH: 276-865-4413 Ext 3201 or 3202

Lodge Accommodations, Cottages, & Camping



The KY Blast a Time Warp Tour

Blasts from the Past

August 19-21, 2026

Cave Area Conference Center

Cave City

We can't wait to spend time with you!!!!



Rider Education Report

By: Richard Artmayer

Vibration is the result of energy (force) being input into an elastic medium. Modern vehicles are built with elastic (flexible) materials to survive life on the street. The most flexible parts like body panels, mirrors, and light assemblies are often mounted in a way to isolate them from the road, but it is impossible to prevent all vibration. Motorcycles, trikes, and other small vehicles are subject to the effects of vibration more than cars and trucks because of their nature to be of small size and mass.

As a vehicle moves down the road, many opportunities exist to cause vibration. Tires have a tread pattern to allow for water and other road debris to be displaced from the road surface to provide the best possible traction. But every tread pattern will cause a vibration due to the tread blocks intermittent contact with the road. An irregular road surface will cause the suspension to move up and down to smooth the ride and keep the vehicle isolated from changes in the roadway. And of course, every piston engine makes vibration from the piston's rise and fall, and the intermittent rapid combustion process inside the cylinder.

Engineers plan for the input of energy and try to control the effects, but no system is perfect, and no system can anticipate every scenario. Tires can wear from improper inflation and/or overloading and exasperate the tire noise and energy of the vibration this causes. Suspension systems have shock absorbers designed specifically to handle the effects and energy input from rocks, random debris, and potholes by transferring the energy into the damping fluid inside. And piston engines have firing orders and counterweights arranged so the energy created from some of the moving parts will be redirected in the opposite direction of other moving parts.

The Law of Conservation of Energy states that energy cannot be created or destroyed, only transformed from one form to another, and the total energy in an isolated system remains constant. This means for us that all the different forces acting on the vehicle must be controlled. The smoother the ride, the better the design of the vehicle. But no design is perfect. Any vibration felt by the operator means there are parts moving that should not be moving.

Proper maintenance can help to minimize the vibration you and your vehicle experience. But things happen. I know of several people that have had the clamp bolts of their steering head assemblies (triple-tree) come loose. I know of others that have had body panels come free after riding a rough road. This is why it is so important to establish a regular T-CLOCS routine. When was the last time you spent some quality time with your vehicle checking its nuts and other fasteners?

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 to Greg Leslie on September 8th.

Happy Anniversary to Greg and Marilyn Leslie on September 2nd.

Happy Anniversary to Joe and Lisa Cain on September 29th.

Happy Anniversary to Jason and Penny Cowen on September 30th.

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.