



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

October 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:

I see the weather for the next ten days is finally out of the 90's! Thank Goodness, now maybe we can get back to more riding. Course with that said, several of us just finished up a 1400 mile ride. It doesn't seem that we have done much riding this season but I think I have logged over eight thousand happy miles this riding season, so I guess we have been riding.

We are so fortunate, (especially with the current prices of gas) to have chosen such a hobby, that lets us have the wind in our face for a reasonable cost per mile. We get the opportunity to see such wonderful sights and to meet and visit with friends old and new.

So, find an excuse, get out and ride. Oh, and by the way the State Leaf Peeping Ride is coming up this month October 23-26. Details are on the State Website. Let's get out and enjoy this fall weather.

Chapter Rides & Events:

Visit to Chapter Y – September 3rd

Several of the members rode down to Chapter Y's September Meeting to visit and to capture the Plaque and the Mascot.



September Chapter Meeting – September 5th

Chapter K had their September meeting and as expected there were lots of visitors. Chapters A, G & Y came down to try to capture the Plaque or one of the Mascots. Chapter G won the Plaque.



Slingin' in the Ozarks

Three of our members rode to Arkansas to participate in a four day Slingshot Rally. Along the way we got to sample some of Chapter Y's favorite donuts at Munels Donuts in Paducah. The event was HOT with temps hovering close to 100 every day but Don Price from

Chapter A did a fantastic job of planning and leading group rides with up to twelve Slings and two Trikes every day. The folks were friendly, receptive and inclusive of everyone.



Visit to Chapter C – Sept 20

Three Members from Chapter K visited with Chapter C to visit and to see if they could capture the Plaque. They were successful and it will be available at our October meeting



BIG NEWS!!

Guess who won a Slingshot???

If you guessed Jim and Kay you are correct! They won this brand new Slingshot at a raffle from Hucks. How great is that??



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

October Chapter Fall Get together -Soup and Sandwich Oct. 10th



Plans are to meet at the Hensley airfield where the Summer Picnic was held. Anyone who needs directions please see Kathy or Bruce.

Plans are to eat at 1 PM so folks should be there all morning. See Kathy or Cheri Brown as to what to bring.



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

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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

In March of 2018 I replaced the stock saddle on our 2004 Gold Wing with a gently used stock saddle from a 2008 Gold Wing. This saddle includes the heating elements installed by Honda. For the temperature controllers, I used Gerbing heated clothing controllers and powered them by installing a relay connected to the battery and cycled by the accessory port in the Gold Wing fuse panel. This modification has worked very well for us during the eight years and 40,000+ miles since. In late fall of 2025, I noticed the seams of the front rider's cushion were starting to separate. As the weather continued to get colder, the gap in the seams appeared to grow wider. I tried a vinyl fluid repair, which much to my surprise seemed to work acceptably on small sections, but the seams in other areas also began to split, presenting a much larger project. After searching the internet for available repair/replacement options, I chose to purchase a replacement seat cover set.

Made here in North America, the cover arrived after a few days. It is made of special cold resistant outdoor 4-way stretch marine vinyl material with a cold crack rating of -65 degrees Fahrenheit. The installation instructions were relatively simple in that one must remove the existing cover and replace it using the existing fasteners just like the original cover. In reality, this process was a little bit more involved.

The original cover is fastened around the edge of the seat pan with many ½ inch staples driven directly into the plastic pan itself. These fasteners are installed to make the cover fit tightly to keep a smooth surface when not covered by a person. Removing these staples carefully is important to minimize any damage to the seat pan so that the new staples will have a good foundation to fasten the new cover securely. Next, the loops of thread that are attached to the original seat cover seams must be removed from the plastic clips that hold them after being pulled through holes in the seat foam and the seat pan. After 18 years of weather and vibration, these clips can become fragile and require careful attention while removing them. Due to the tension from the foam of the seat, the thread loops are best cut before the clips are gently compressed and removed from their recess in the seat pan.

Installing the new seat cover was easier than I anticipated. I started in the middle by sliding the cover onto the "horns" of foam that wrap around the back of the front rider's hips. Next, I located the thread loops in the middle of the saddle and pulled them through and onto the clips, gently pressing each clip into its recess before releasing the tension of the thread loop onto the clip itself. I then alternated working forward and backward one row of loops at a time, until all the loops were pulled through and secured. The last step was to stretch the seat cover over the edge of the seat pan and fasten with new staples. I started again in the middle of the saddle and alternated sides carefully pulling the material taut and working to keep the seams along the edges of the foam beneath it. This operation is best performed with a pneumatic stapler and requires firm pressure to prevent the tool kicking back and not driving the staple fully into the seat pan.

I am pleased with the results and with the seat cover itself. The material looks good and matches the original Honda design. I think the seat feels a little bit softer, and I find that I do not slide forward so easily as I did with the original cover, perhaps due to the softer/more stretchy material. One thing I do notice is that the seat stays wet for a long time after rain. In hindsight, I think I should have treated the seams with a vinyl sealant like VLP and sprayed the backside of the seat cover with a water repellant. Maybe next time.

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 Lori Adkins on October 5th.

Happy Birthday to Stan Burgess on October 16th.

Happy Anniversary to David and Lynn Hunt on October 11th.

Happy Anniversary to Charles and Kathy Friedman on October 18th.

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.