

KENTUCKY ROAD RIDERS STATE NEWSLETTER



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Inside Kentucky

Information, Fun, and Bourbon***

A new year has arrived, and with it comes our annual Ops meeting. If you have never been to this annual event, please consider making this a first. Members from all over the state will gather to exchange ideas and plans. With the WD Rally this year in South Dakota, I'm sure there will be some discussion about travel and ideas. The Directors

and staff of Kentucky Road Riders will be providing details of this year's events, and there will be passport awards and the kick-off of the COY and IOY program for 2025. There will also be informative break-out sessions, and you might just learn something that you don't know. In addition to all

the great information that will be shared, there is the added bonus of spending time with our friends from across the state.

If the activities of the day are not enough for you, or if you are unable to be at the morning festivities, we will be having a great meal together in the evening which will be followed by an escape room challenge. We need all the help we can get to thwart the attempts of some evil intruders who have set their eyes on destroying something near and dear to the hearts of Kentuckians....bourbon!!! Please come lend a hand to save our state!

You must register for the Saturday evening excitement, so flip to page 9 and get your registration in now, before the bourbon is gone!

***Disclaimer...There will not be any actual bourbon available at this event.



Links of Interest

KY State:
www.kyroadriders.org

Wing'D Rider

<https://wingdrider.com/>

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State Directors Report



Rick and Leah Cridlin

Kentucky State Directors

Happy New Year Kentucky! Leah and I hope you all had a great holiday season and that you are ready to continue the fun with your fellow Wing'D Rider members. Leah and I have broken into our 2025 calendars and started filling in the events we are planning to attend. The first on our agenda is the annual Operations Meeting, which is being held on February 8th at the Historic Courthouse in Burlington, KY. After the Operations Meeting we will have a Mexican dinner and an Escape Room. This will give you a chance to put your masterful problem solving skills to the test and have a lot of fun spoiling the plans of those holding you captive. Donita Nardi has been hard at work planning and designing this event and for those of us who have seen some of her past work, we know we are in for a treat! For those of you who have never experienced her creativity, do yourself a favor and join us.

The Operations Meeting is open to everyone, but you do need to register if you are planning to attend the dinner and the escape room. Everything you need to know about this fun event can be found on our website at www.kyroadriders.org. Come with questions and ideas. We hope to see you there.

Leah and I consider ourselves blessed to be surrounded by an amazing staff, who are all dedicated to providing you, the member, with a variety of rides and events to enhance your motorcycle ownership experience. Our gratitude extends to the Chapter Directors and their staffs, who do a great job of planning and hosting monthly activities for you to enjoy. The only thing asked of our members is to participate and have fun. I speak from experience when I say, the more you participate, the more fun you will have. We have some great events at the State level, including the Ride-In, which Chapter Y is hosting at Kentucky Dam Village, and the Blast, which is being held at The General Butler State Park. Up to date information can be found on our website, so check it often. While you are at it, check out some of the other chapters, and consider joining them for some of their events.

I hope to see you all at many events



Dan and Rita Bondurant

Assistant Directors

Assistant Directors Report

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget the Ride-In this year is in the western end of the State and we also have rooms for Thursday night as some will be traveling a good distance. Looking forward to seeing everyone in June. We will have more details about the Ride-In at the Ops meeting next month.

Hope you are planning to attend to learn more about what's going on with the State and to see friends at the Ops meeting again this year.

State Educators Report



**Rick and Kim
Artmayer**

State Educators

Happy New Year everyone. After reviewing and reflecting on what I have learned during the past year, now is when I start to plan for the things I would like to learn in the coming year. I found the results of a survey of women riders and thought it would be good to share.

Women who ride are happier, more confident, and sexier, according to a survey commissioned by Harley Davidson. Now, I am usually skeptical of a survey commissioned by a party with a vested interest in the results, particularly when the survey confirms the results sought by the entity that requested the survey. However, in this case, I believe that we as experienced riders would find the results of the survey to be logical.

We all have a thorough understanding of the complexities of riding. Mastering any complex task typically leads to a feeling of confidence and pride in that skill. I think that those of us who frequently take Advanced Rider Courses, and are always striving to improve our riding skills, have an even greater sense of confidence and pride. So, given that feeling of pride and confidence, it seems logical that anyone who learns this skill, and particularly those who continually seek to improve, would have an enhanced overall sense of self-worth, confidence, and pride. How that impacts other aspects of someone's life would vary by the individual, but a general improvement in outlook and well-being is logical.

While this survey looks only at women who ride their own bike, I think there are several aspects of this line of thought that would extend to a co-rider. Most of us have experienced, or at least understand, just how significant an impact an untrained co-rider can have on the safe operation of any motorcycle. Instability at low speeds can become severe if the co-rider is not stable. Cornering at any speed can be made more complex by a co-rider in the wrong position, or by one moving around during cornering. Needless to mention, screaming and pounding on the rider is not helpful, either. The skilled co-rider, on the other hand, is an asset. Not only does their proper riding technique enhance the stability of the bike, a co-rider assisting with navigation, observation, and communications can reduce the task load of the rider. It seems logical that the confidence and pride of the skilled solo rider could easily extend to the skilled co-rider.

As you look forward to a new year of riding to new places, decide now to make learning to ride better one of the destinations. Register to take a rider or co-rider education course. Knowledge is power. The skills and experience you learn in these controlled situation classes will give you a good base from which you can draw when similar circumstances occur on the street. Consider also getting involved in the Levels program. This is a great way to show your pride and confidence to others.

Relax...Everything's Gonna Be Alright



Leah Cridlin

Hello Kentucky Road Riders! I sincerely hope your holidays were happy and that you are ready for a fun, active and happy year.

I have thought about Kentucky Road Riders quite a bit over the past month or so. I feel like Rick and I have not been very present over the past few months. You may also feel that way. Of course we are always here and always available and working behind the scenes. We have taken some personal time for travel and family.

I have been off work over the holidays and have tried to relax, but that is hard to do and keep up with holiday celebrations. One of my goals was to get my multi purpose room cleaned and organized. Truth be told, I only made a dent. The dent I made was clearing and organizing boxes from the Blast in August. Your eyes may be popping out right now thinking what.... she hasn't put things away since August??? Yes it is true. Some of you may be able to relate to this situation. When a major event is over, you need down time to recover, at least I do. But then life got busy again and I just hadn't had time or the desire to tackle the multiple boxes that were there. It was easier to shut the door and say, I'll get to it later. Later finally came.

As I was cleaning and sorting, what belonged to me and what belonged to the state, I was formulating this article in my mind. Rick and I have been the state directors since 2019, 5 years. That is a long time. Many things have happened during these 5 years. Covid, GWR-RA being dissolved, Wing'D Rider being developed and Kentucky Road Riders initiated. New chapters have formed and some have closed. State staff has changed, Chapter Directors have changed....basically a lot has changed, yet much has stayed the same.

Sometimes, you need a break and to re-evaluate your position, what you bring to the organization and if you still want to maintain your position and if you are still making a positive impact. Most importantly, do you still love what you do? If not, then it is time to move on. Can any of you relate to this situation?

I am human. I get in ruts and sometimes the most simple task can feel like a gigantic chore that is overwhelming. No matter how much you tell yourself what you need to do, you just can't make yourself do it. So this break has been much needed both mentally and physically.

I share this story, because I know this happens to more than just me. It is OK. I also know, like the words in Jelly Roll's song, "everything will be alright".

So 2025 is here, time to roll up the sleeves and get back to work. We have much to do and accomplish within KRR. I see from posts on Facebook chapters are having their planning meetings and that is what the Operations (Ops) meeting is about on February 8th. I'm excited to see your faces, to give you hugs and celebrate the greatness of our organization and the members. Without you, KRR is not possible.

So if you have found yourself in a rut lately....it's gonna be alright. You are alright and it's OK to self evaluate, reflect, breathe and take a pause. Once you make the decision to emerge from your pause, you can be better than ever! A new creativity is sparked, energy is re-stored and life is back on track.

So here is to a new year, a fresh perspective and endless possibilities.

State Member Enhancement



Miles Justice, Dean & Lora Miller

Kentucky Member Enhancement Coordinators

Happy New Year Kentucky Road Riders! I was fortunate enough to start 2025 off on a very positive note by riding 68 miles round trip in 37 degree weather on January 1st for a gathering with Chapter A. Although the weather was less than ideal, it still felt amazing to begin the year with a little wind therapy. I hope each of you had a peaceful transition into the new year and that this one is your best year yet. I look forward to visiting with you at the Ops Meeting next month. As always, there will be some great sessions discussing a number of topics relevant not just to the state team but to all members. I highly encourage you to come spend Saturday, February 8, in Northern Kentucky with your KRR family. Until then, keep the sunny side up!

State Pins and Patches



John Keiter

State Pins and Patches

Happy New Year!

It's the start of a new year and a new riding year. We have our annual Ops Meeting next month, so make plans to attend.

Lots of good opportunities to ride in the coming months, so make sure that both you and your bike are ready.

If you need anything for your vest, I'm your guy! See me at the Ops Meeting and I'll take care of you.

Happy New Year and ride safe.

State Ride Coordinator



Bruce and Kathy Hensley

Kentucky State Ride Co-ordinators

Well, here it is, a new year. 2025 sounds like a song lyric in one of the old rock songs we used to listen too. As this is being written, some are or have already winterized their bikes till next spring, some are doing needed maintenance, and some are watching the weather, getting ready for the next ride. Whatever your plans; may your year be filled with open roads, beautiful weather and no traffic! Oh yeah, and ice cream



Healthy Snow Ice Cream

*8 - 12 Cups Snow
2/3 Cup Coconut Milk
1/2 Cup Honey or Maple Syrup
2 teaspoons Vanilla*



In Johnna's Kitchen

State Individual of the Year



Ron Harper

State IOY

Happy New Year to all you Kentucky Road Riders. As I sit here in Northern Kentucky watching the falling snow coming down harder minute by minute, my thoughts drift back to the year just passed. I think about how fortunate I am to be so lucky to be part of this wonderful group of people. I think of all the fun times I have enjoyed with so many of you. I remember the experiences of enjoyable rides to so many interesting places. Not only do I reminisce on the past, but I think hopefully of what lies ahead of us for the coming year: the chapter visits throughout the year, The Ride-In Mayfield June 6th & 7th, the WD Rally #3 June 25th to 28th in South Dakota, The Blast at General Butler State Park August 14th not 16th.

I am probably older than most of you and have logged more years on motorcycles than some of you been on this earth. I have outlived many of my friends and some that are still here tell me they are amazed that I continue to do so. I always tell them it sure beats sitting on the porch watching the grass grow!!

With that being said, I just want to suggest to each of you to take advantage of whatever it is in your life that you truly enjoy. Don't put it off for later because "later" will be gone before you realize it. I can tell you from experience that the longer you are on this earth, the faster time seems to pass you by.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon, if not at a chapter meeting before at least at the Ops meeting next month here in Burlington, Kentucky.

Snow fires...



2025 Ops Meeting Info



2025 Kentucky Road Riders Operations Meeting

When: February 8, 2025, 8:30am – ?? (schedule to be finalized)

Where: Boone County Historical Courthouse, Burlington, KY 41005

Come join us to learn and discuss plans for 2025.

The 2024 Mascots will be awarded, and Newsletter of the Year for 2024 award will be presented.

The Chapter Couples and Individuals of the Year for 2025 will be announced and the new mascots will be put in play!

Bring your passports to receive your prize! The completed passports will be entered for a drawing to win a registration to the KY Ride In and the KY Blast!

Then. stay for the evening activity, The KRR Escape Room!

Dinner will include a Mexican Buffet with drinks and desserts.

Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn 755 Petersburg Rd Hebron, KY 41048 859-689-1960

Room Rate is \$109 per night for King or Double Beds.

Please mention KY Road Riders for group rate.

Join us Saturday evening for some escape room fun! Challenge your teamwork skills and help us defeat the sinister minds that want to take over our Bourbon Trail!

In case you are nervous about the phrase “Escape Room”, please know that no doors will actually be locked. The challenges within have been selected for all skill levels and will be fun and exciting for everyone in attendance. So no reason to delay! Register today! Hope to see you there.



Kentucky Road Riders Escape Room



When: Saturday, February 8, 2025, 6:30pm - 10pm

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

- ❖ Mexican Warlords have invaded Kentucky and are trying to take over the Bourbon Trail. We can't let this happen under any circumstance!
- ❖ Are you up for the challenge? Can you save the Bourbon of Kentucky? Only time can tell, and it is limited.

❖ Cost is \$25.00 per WR member/\$30.00 per non-WR member

**Dinner: Tacos, Burritos, Nachos and Rice and all the toppings
Snacks - Dessert - Drinks**

Registration Information

Rider: _____ Rider/Co-Rider: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

State/Chapter: _____ Wing'D Member: \$25.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Non-Wing'D Member: \$30.00 x _____ 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

I/We agree to conform and comply with the ideas governing this event and we further agree to hold harmless Wing'D 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: _____ Rider/Co-Rider: _____ Date: _____

Wing'D Rider Recruitment Promotion

For every WR Member who sponsors a new membership or couples membership they will receive a \$10 credit. Each WRMember can use his/her credits to purchase ANYTHING from the WRider website, including membership renewals ,,, and also anything from the JMCorp website at www.JMCORP.com If the new member signs up on -line ,,,, the sponsoring member need only send us an email, that he/she has sponsored a new member and give us the new members name and approximate date of the joining new member. Or the new member can use the attached paper app and put the sponsoring members name in the appropriate box ,,,,,, Wing'D Rider Office will keep track of the credits for each member on a separate log in Tucson. Total credit amounts on file for each member can be obtained by email ONLY.

Wing'D Rider Rally #3 South Dakota! Here We Come

Join us for Wing'd Rider Rally #3, Box Elder SD! June 25th – 28th, 2025 at the BOX Events Center. Trade Show Expo, Adventure Rides, JMCorp/Vendor Party Night, Rally Games, 50/50, Grand Prize Drawings at Closing Ceremonies & DRAWING FOR 2025 GOLD WING! (must be present to win). Host hotel Courtyard by Marriott with discount hotel block exclusively for members that have registered for the rally, so don't delay! Go to the WRWebsite at www.WINGDRIDER.com



JUNE 25th - JUNE 28th, 2025

WING'D RIDER RALLY #3
BOX ELDER, SD

JUNE 25th - JUNE 28th, 2025

HOSTED AT:
THE BOX
Box Elder, SD, 57719

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL EVENTS

- 50/50 • Adventure Rides • Vendor Party Night
- Grand Prize Drawing

WIN a 2025 Gold Wing at Closing Ceremonies!

HOST HOTEL:
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
ADJACENT TO THE BOX



Goldwing for Sale

Honda Goldwing 2002, 1800cc, 96128 miles, - \$5500.00 Illusion Red, excellent condition, serviced ready to ride. Contact Charlie Hobbs—859-802-6931 New front tire at 94891 miles, replaced hydraulic fluids at same service. rear tire at 84845 miles (service papers with bike). Lots of chrome, hand guards, mounted GPS, CB, highway pegs, belly pan, Honda service Manuel, 2 half covers, dust cover, front tie down strap. I would not hesitate to take this bike on a cross country trip. If wanted a spare rear end assembly from a trike conversion.



Goldwing for Sale

2007 with 53,000 miles, owner is asking \$12,000 for the bike and trailer. His number is 618-294-1399



Goldwing for Sale

2010 Goldwing Motorcycle For Sale, Comfort Audio ABS and airbag. Excellent condition. 19,900 miles. Garage kept every day. Blue Book Value is \$11,500, but I will accept any reasonable offer. Must see to appreciate. If interested, contact Tom (Luanne's brother). Phone number: (513) 236-7242 (text or call).



Touring

2010 Honda Gold Wing

Which Style Are You Interested In?

Style
ABS Audio / Comfort / Navigation

Trade-In Value	Typical Listing Price
	\$11,575
In Good Condition with typical mileage ⓘ when trading in at a dealership	
Standard engine specs: 6-Cylinders, 4-Stroke, 183	

GET THE SHIRT!!

Kentucky Road Riders now have a ride shirt! You can have it monogrammed on the right side of the chest with whatever you would like. Small to extra-large are \$14, and XXL are \$17. An added monogram will cost \$5. Shirts can be ordered at: <https://blankstore.club/shop/ols/products/xn--gildan---dryblend-50-cotton50-poly-short-or-long-sleeve-t-shirt-vpci> You can also get it in a long-



For Sale

BRAND NEW DIAMOND SEAT a friend ordered a new Diamond seat, backrest and passenger backrest and rode for part of one day and didn't like it. He took it off and put his old seat back on. I can't believe it but he did lol. I'm on my 3rd Diamond seat and love them. This one fits the Gen 1 and he is only asking \$600 and that's CHEAP!!

Contact Dick Fraser

270-703-3874

Weider elec vest size 48 and a XXL Weider elec vest with sleeve chaps for sale!! Great condition asking \$75.00 each. Can bring to the Opps meeting on the 27th.

Contact Dan Bondurant 270-705-0307



Brand new ladies vest, size XL, with Gun Vest pocket. Asking \$30.

Men's size Large Goldwing Jacket, medium weight, asking \$10.








If interested, please contact Judy at :

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	<p><u>Chapter A—Louisville</u></p>	<p>Meets the 2nd Saturday Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7 Louisville, KY 40065 Eat at 11:00 am—Meet at 12:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter C—Lexington</u></p>	<p>Meets the 3rd Saturday Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd. Lexington, KY 40509 Eat at 11:00am—Meet at 12:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter G — Northern KY</u></p>	<p>Meets 2nd Tuesday American Legion Post 4 8385 US Hwy 42 Florence, KY 41042 6:00pm Bring your own dinner to eat and socialize—Meet at 7:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter K—Henderson</u></p>	<p>Meets 1st Saturday Echo Lanes 1698 Second St. Henderson, KY 42420 Meet at 11:30am (CT)— Eat at 12:00pm (CT)</p>
	<p><u>Chapter S — Elizabethtown</u></p>	<p>Meets 1st or 2nd Sunday (check State Calendar) Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701 Eat at 4:00pm—Meet at 5:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter T — Paintsville</u></p>	<p>Meets 3rd Saturday Giovanni's Pizza 261 Court St., Paintsville, KY Eat at 5:00pm—Meet at 6:00pm</p>
	<p><u>Chapter Y—Mayfield</u></p>	<p>Meets 1st Thursday Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S 6th St Mayfield, KY 42066 Eat at 6:00pm—Meet 7:00 (CT)</p>

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Ride Safe

Be Safe

Visitation is on!

**We can't wait to see you at
the next gathering!**

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.kyroadriders.org



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Please join/like the Kentucky Road Riders members page on Facebook. Here you will get last minute information/ news about upcoming events and chat with fellow members.

You will also learn about upcoming rides.

