



**KENTUCKY ROAD RIDERS
RIVER VALLEY RIDERS
CHAPTER G**

***"Curves-Camaraderie•
Community"***

**NEXT GET-TOGETHER:
Tuesday 8/11/26 - Acapulco
Mexican Grill & Bar,
7718 US 42, Florence, KY 41042.
Come eat starting at 5:30pm.
7pm Meeting.**



@ 2025 Kentucky Road Riders



The website now features an [Event Calendar](#) which lists dates for all social, camping and rides. Details for each type of event are located separately. Ride event details can be found here [Ride Schedule](#).

Welcome to the River Valley Riders, "The G", a local chapter of JMC Riders, located in Northern Kentucky (Florence). We welcome all brands of motorcycles

We are a group of like-minded, safety conscious motorcyclists who share a goal of safe riding and bond of ridership.



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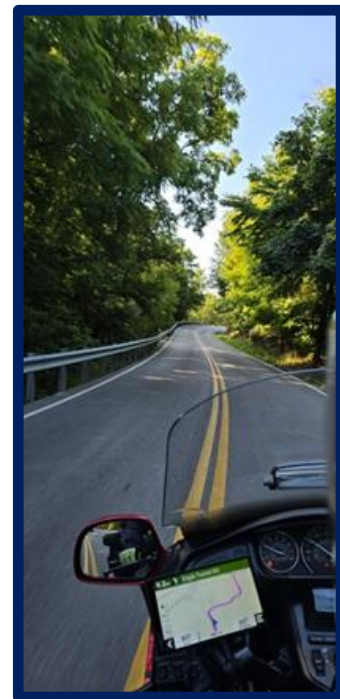
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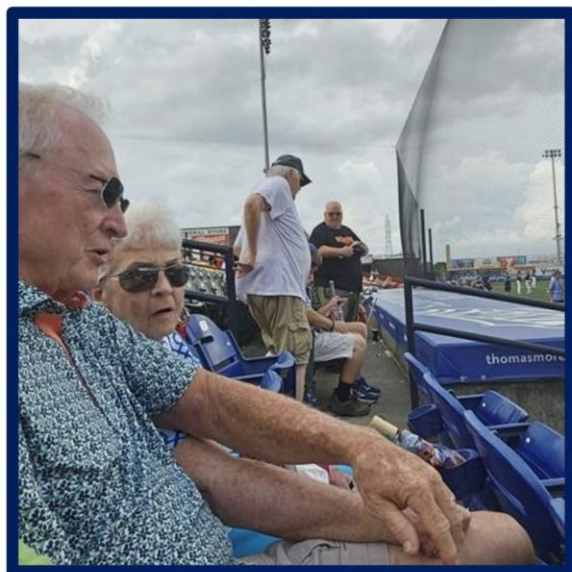


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[River Valley Riders-KyG](https://www.facebook.com/RiverValleyRiders-KyG)



Y'ALL GAME

We kicked off the evening with dinner at Spear Ridge Cafe in Florence, then headed to the Y'ALLS Game to celebrate Star Wars Night. Many of us arrived early enough to snag lightsabers as part of the giveaway for the first 1,000 fans. The ballpark had a refreshing breeze, and we only experienced a short rain shower. While the fireworks were unfortunately canceled, everyone still enjoyed a fun night out.



SPONSOR'S BLOCK

• Rider's Spotlight: A Lifetime on Two Wheels (and Sometimes Three)

By Mary's Favorite Wild Man

Every rider has a story, but some of us have *chapters*. This month, we're sharing one that spans decades, continents, a few questionable decisions, and a whole lot of heart.

Where It All Began

The motorcycle bug bit early-age fifteen, hanging onto a Honda 350 with a cousin who may or may not have actually been a cousin. The moment should've scared me straight: I walked into their kitchen and saw a burn on her leg big enough to make a grown man swear off exhaust pipes forever. Instead, I thought, *I want one of those*.

Young Love & First Bikes

A few years later, I met Mary and convinced her that we needed a motorcycle. We found one for \$200, rode it home from Cincinnati, and I was officially hooked. I rode it to work at NKU campus police until the clutch gave out. Thinking the chain was "just dry," I sprayed it with WD-40. Turns out chains need adjusting, not moisturizing- it wrapped itself around everything it shouldn't. That bike went to a new home shortly after.

Germany, Autobahns & Alter Egos

In 1984, stationed in Germany, I bought a brand-new Kawasaki 550 LTD. Mary and I rode everywhere- even hit 120 mph on the autobahn. The back end wiggled, and I decided 90 mph was plenty for the rest of my life. Folks started calling me Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: calm and friendly off the bike, a wild man once the engine fired.

One day at a German mall, I tried to jump the bike. I slid back, Mary slid too, and her tailbone found the grab handle. She didn't ride with me again for a long while. When we returned to Fort Eustis, I took a safety course, learned everything I *should* have been doing, and we let that bike go.

The 90s: Radios, Fairings & Repo Surprises

In the '90s I picked up a Kawasaki 650 with a radio and fairing. A friend doing repossessions later came across two bikes- he kept them Venture, I took the Kawasaki 900 and traded him my 650. Bad deal. The 900 was missing a plug, sat in the rain, warped, and I ended up giving it to a dealer just for his time.

The 2000s: Deer, Deals & New Adventures

Camping at General Butler, Mary forgot the orange juice. Mary and I went to get some and "just looked" at the dealer near Walmart. There sat a blue Kawasaki 900 with only 94 miles. The longer I talked, the lower the price went. Sold.

The next weekend we went back to pick up the bike and Mel wanted to ride. I said no- I hadn't been on a bike in ten years. So, Mary and Mel went home on four, and I took the two wheels back alone. Two blocks past the dealer, five deer ran across in front of me. Almost collected all of them. Made it home fine, and Mel loved riding after that.

Blue Knights, Old Friends & Big Dreams

A friend talked me into joining Blue Knights MC. At a meeting, I ran into Rick Gridlin—someone I'd served with in Germany and at Fort Eustis. He had a Gold Wing, the bike I'd dreamed about for years.

Eventually I saved up and bought a 2017 red Gold Wing. Loved it. Mary still wouldn't ride it. Then I learned Collins Motorsports could turn Gold Wings into trikes. I asked Mary if she'd ride a trike. She said yes. We had it triked in 2018, joined GWRRA, and even picked up a camper trailer and cargo trailer.



Today: Still Rolling

John Eicher

CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August Has Arrived!

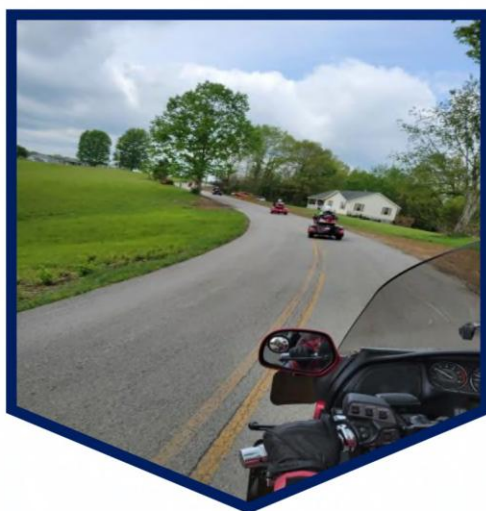
We are excitedly looking forward to the Blast at General Butler State Park and hope to see many of you there. This annual event is always a great opportunity to ride, reconnect with fellow Kentucky Road Riders, and spend time with members from neighboring states. If you enjoyed last year's Casino Night, you're sure to have a great time at this year's Friday Night Dinner and Pirate Night festivities!

As always, we are hoping to bring home both the Traveling Plaque and the Visitation Points Award. I have to admit, though, the competition is especially close this year, and it's anyone's guess how things will turn out. Regardless of the outcome, we have thoroughly enjoyed visiting other chapters and proudly carrying the Traveling Plaque throughout the season. We look forward to continuing both traditions after the Blast.

It's hard to believe summer is already winding down, but there is still plenty of riding weather ahead. Unfortunately, several rides have been canceled due to rain this season. Hopefully, we'll be able to reschedule and enjoy those rides before the riding season comes to a close.

We are also looking forward to our end-of-year Camping and Picnic event at Big Bone State Park in September. Donita has been busy planning the picnic, and it is shaping up to be a wonderful day of fun, fellowship, and great food. If you haven't already marked your calendar, be sure to save **September 19th**. More details will be shared as the event draws closer.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the road and at our upcoming events! Safe travels and happy riding!



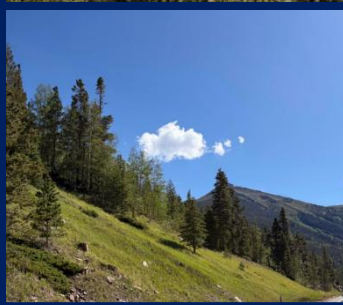
*John and Mary Eicher
Chapter Directors*



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It can't possibly be August already. I don't know where the time goes. It has been a very busy year for me and time just seems to be rushing by. Poor weather conditions have hindered many of our rides this year, but I hope you have all still been able to get in some miles. Rick, Leah, Rick and Kim took a western voyage to Colorado and captured some great memories. Randy and Kim traveled to Michigan with Chapter K and had a wonderful time. Jeff and Steve P. are wandering up the East coast and the pictures that are coming back look incredible. Ron and I have been travelling the state, not always on bikes, searching out post offices for the KRR Ride Challenge, and although it doesn't sound too exciting, we have had a great time. We really do live in a beautiful state.

Wherever you travel this Summer I hope you have a good time and stay safe.



Donita Nardi
Assistant Chapter Director

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT

It's Friday afternoon, July 17th 2026 . I'm taking my afternoon break at work. Looking at my phone. It's 87 degrees outside but feels like 103! Thunderstorms are supposed to start at 6pm and go until 11pm. Sounds like a great night to go to a baseball game, right? But as things mostly happen when good friends gather to have a good time, our annual night at the Y'all's game was very enjoyable. There was a nice breeze blowing and the rain that surrounded us cooled the air to a very acceptable temperature. Our seats were awesome, and for the first time I can remember, the Y'alls won the game on our night. Chris won a coney, Randy caught a ball, and Rena was declared the sweetest person in attendance. We didn't get to see the fireworks, because of the weather, but there were some nice lightning strikes visible from the ballpark. Luckily, we only had a few raindrops and no rain delays. All in all, a great night. Thanks to all who attended.

Our next event will be the end-of-Summer family picnic on September 19th. Our theme this year is an All-American Picnic. Hope to see you there!



Donita Nardi
Special Events Coordinator



RIDERS EDUCATION REPORT

Recently I was asked “why do I ride motorcycles?” which got me thinking. And July offered much time to think about it as I was very busy doing a lot of riding. I think for me, it is the journey more than the destination. Many times, I have reached a planned destination, only to find it looks just like it was pictured on the internet, or the magazine article. Some of the destinations of course, like the view from Mount Blue Sky, Colorado, are impossible to truly appreciate in pictures, but the overall view was the same.

What was not the same was the journey to get there. Descriptions of the ride are interpretations of the author, and each person has a different view, or presumption, or attitude, or goal, which affects their perspective and the effect on their experience. Any number of things can happen at any time during any journey. Being prepared for all of them is usually outside the scope of motorcycling but preparing for them we still must. I find there is a short list of equipment that covers a very long list of possibilities.

I am certain you know some of the equipment that I am about to recommend, and maybe even own some or all of it. A first aid kit because, well, you just never know when you or someone you meet on your journey may need exactly what you have. I have used the first aid kit I carry more times to help strangers than I have used it for myself. A good rain suit keeps you dry when the weather gets wet, and because they tend to be wind proof and offer another layer, can keep you warm when the weather turns cold, or when you climb above 12,000 feet. A small tool kit like the one Honda includes in the many variations of Gold Wing to tighten up your nuts and bolts and help you keep everything together. A tire repair kit and a small electric air pump can keep you rolling when providence is otherwise trying to flatten your mood. A small flashlight to brighten a dark moment, and a small multimeter to troubleshoot an inconvenient electrical issue. And finally, a roll of some sort of strong and sticky material to keep everything together when fasteners are missing or never existed in the first place.

When we traveled to Greenville for Wing Ding 35, I found that I needed to make a temporary repair on my brake lever to keep the brake lights functioning properly. I stopped at a convenience store and bought a small roll of duct tape, which did what I needed it to do, and we made it home without any additional drama. Over time, that roll of tape has helped several riders fix what was broken long enough to get home safely. When the last few feet were removed from the roll, I found an even better replacement product. Walmart sells T-Rex tape, a *ferociously strong tape*® that surprised me with its quality. This is sold as a duct tape but does not include the usual woven fibers of standard duct tape. But it is a very strong acrylic material and will stretch quite a bit to help you get a good seal on whatever odd shape you are trying to keep together. The adhesive is quite tacky and sticks strongly to a variety of smooth surfaces and is very weather resistant. If you see me on my Gold Wing, and are curious about T-Rex tape, ask me, I'll show you my roll.

Rick Artmayer
KY State Educator



RIDE COORDINATOR REPORT

The National Ice Cream Day Ride on Sunday July 19th was a delicious success. A fun afternoon 2-hour ride thru rural Ohio to a long-time famous ice cream ice cream place. Originally a soft serve ice cream franchise called 'Dairy Isle' and opened up in Bethel, Ohio. The Dairy Isle became the place to be for the community. First dates, first kisses and first ice cream cones are among the many memories created at the Dairy Isle. In the 1970s it was the turn around point for muscle cars cruising up and down SR 125. The Dairy Isle has seen many owners and each owner has added to her history. Decades later, after many name changes, the community still calls her 'The Old Dairy Isle'.

Today, Mary and her husband own the Legen-Dairy Whippy Dip and have a fun, funky vibe, with a whimsical Sasquatch and alien vibe. There is even a UFO Only Parking Space. They have an even funkier list of ice cream flavors (all homemade) and shakes, etc., with weekly special flavors. Take a look at the menu included with this article. Mary came out personally and greeted us and said that "bikers" get a discount and a free bottle of ice-cold water. Wow!

The ride included a comfort stop at UDF, whereas it happened, they had a special, BOGO for National Ice Cream Day. We won't say who had 1st ice cream here and then a 2nd ice cream treat at the destination...lol.

Since it doesn't open till 2 pm, we took advantage of the food truck of the day on the whippy dip premises. Man, the food was delicious from Cheesy Steak, featuring comfort food, grilled cheese and homemade mac and cheese!

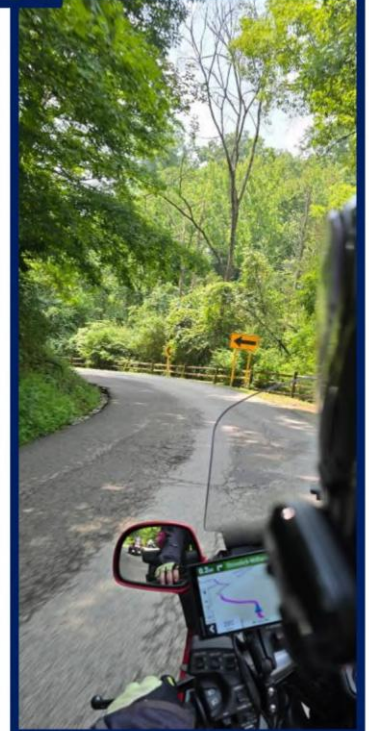
We took the short route hom, so we didn't suffer from a food coma, so about 40 minutes to get back to the 275 bridge. If you love soft serve ice cream, it's worth the drive to check out this funky place and you don't have to take 2 hours to get there.

Next up in August is our first breakfast ride, heading to the West Side Diner in Warsaw, Ky. This should be a shorter ride with an earlier start to avoid potentially hotter August weather. Hope to see you on the ride.

Steve & Lesley Holder
RVR Ride Coordinators



NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY RIDE



MOTORIST AWARENESS REPORT

Hello Chapter G,

The Blast is almost here! Luanne has been to every blast starting in 2005, making it 22 in a row this year. I haven't been able to attend as many as she has since I have a four-letter word that stops me from coming sometimes, WORK. Being a part of the Kentucky state staff has been an honor and privilege. There are so many ideas and plans made behind the scenes that make sure our members enjoy the Blast without all the hassle. Our staff works very hard.

The money and fees paid by our members are put to good use for venue costs, food, games, prizes and other expenses that most members have no idea exist. Luanne works many hours balancing the books to make sure we have money to continue with the Blast each year. You should see her count the money and write the checks. She really looks good doing that! She is super dedicated to her job as State Treasurer.

The Blast to me is friendship, rides, fun and great memories. The members are all so great! It is such a pleasure seeing and being with everyone! I hope to see as many of you as we can this year and if you haven't yet decided to come to the Blast, please make sure you consider how much fun we will all have together. Until then, ride safely.

*Jerry Williams Motorist
Awareness Coordinator*



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT REPORT

It's duck season! Make sure you have ducks just in case you find yourself in the presence of some folks who might enjoy our company. Ducks are always available at chapter get-togethers. If you are in dire need, contact me directly. I also have flyers promoting our wonderful group of friends. If you find a place to hang one, please let me know.

There is still time to complete the RVR 2026 ride challenge. The winner will be drawn at the End-Of-Season Family Picnic. Please turn them in soon.

Watch the expiration dates on your JMC Rider cards. Please renew, so we can keep the fun coming.

*Donita Nardi
Membership Enhancement*



TREASURER REPORT

Hi Chapter G,

Congratulations to our winners on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, our Chapter Monthly Get Together!! Lucky Tom Reilly won the \$10 “Membership” Draw this month. Kim Artmayer won 1st place for \$23, Tom Reilly won 2nd place for \$13, and Rick Cridlin won 3rd place for \$9.

Thank you to all who participated in the June Gathering at our new location (Acapulco in Florence, KY) – it was great to be able to have dinner with our Chapter.

Also, we want to thank our Chapter G’s COY, Jack and Carol Redd. They did a great job selling our 50/30/20 tickets. If it was not for Jack and Carol to sell tickets this month and our wonderful members/guests purchasing our 50/30/20 tickets, we would not have the opportunity to do the fun events that we do each year.

*Jerry & Luanne Williams KY
State/Chapter G Treasurers*



SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

River Valley Riders—Chapter G would like to wish a very Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary to our members who are celebrating in the month of August. If you have a birthday or anniversary in August that I have missed, please contact me so I can update my roster.



- 8/3 John E.
- 8/4 Jack R.
- 8/8 Joyce Q.
- 8/15 John K.
- 8/18 Steve C.



- 8/19 Steve & Angie P.
- 8/14 Steve & Babette C.

If you have any information, for anyone who is sick or passed away that needs to be forwarded to our Chapter G family, please contact me at: social@chapterg.org.

*Chris Davis
Social Secretary*

RIVER VALLEY RIDES/CHAPTER EVENT SCHEDULE

August 2026

Ice Cream Rides: 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26

5th – Bingo-7pm-Longnecks, Richwood, KY.
Come early to eat before Bingo.

8th – Breakfast - 8:00am - West Side Diner,
Warsaw, KY Depart Meijer Gold Sprint at 8:15am_
Arrive at Diner 10:00am.

11th – Chapter Gathering-Acapulco Mexican
Grill & Bar, 7718 US 42, Florence, KY 41042.
Come eat starting at 5:30pm-Meet at 7pm.

12th– Bingo - 7pm-Longnecks, Hebron, KY.
Come early to eat before Bingo.

13th-15th– Kentucky Blast - General Butler
State Park. Info on kyroadriders.org

19th – Bingo -7pm-Longnecks, Wilder, KY.
Come early to eat before Bingo.

25th – Coordinator's Meeting- Donatos, Dixie
Hwy Erlanger. Eat at 6pm. Meet at 7pm.

26th – Bingo-7pm-Longnecks, Richwood, KY.
Come early to eat before Bingo.

September 2026

Ice Cream Rides 6pm: 9/2; 9/9; 9/16; 9/23; 9/30

2nd – Bingo – 7pm – Longnecks, Hebron, KY.
Come early to eat before Bingo.

8th – Chapter Gathering – Acapulco Mexican Grill
& Bar, 7718 US 42, Florence, KY 41042. Come eat
starting at 5:30pm – Meet at 7pm.

9th – Bingo – 7pm – Longnecks, Wilder, KY. Come
early to eat before Bingo.

12th – Lunch Ride – TBD.

16th - Bingo – 7pm – Longnecks, Richwood, KY.
Come early to eat before Bingo.

18th – 19th – Chapter G End-of-Year Picnic and
Camping. Big Bone State Park. More information
to come.

23rd – Bingo – 7pm – Longnecks, Hebron, KY.
Come early to eat before Bingo.

29th – Coordinator's Meeting – Donatos, Dixie
Hwy, Erlanger. Eat at 6pm. Meet at 7pm

30th - Bingo – 7pm – Longnecks, Wilder, KY. Come
early to eat before Bingo.

October 2026

7th – Bingo-7pm-Longnecks, Richwood,
KY. Come early to eat before Bingo.

10th – Lunch Ride – TBD.

13th – Chapter Gathering – Acapulco Mexican
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14th – Bingo-7pm-Longnecks, Hebron, KY.
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21st – Bingo-7pm-Longnecks, Wilder, KY.
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27th – Coordinator's Meeting – Donatos, Dixie
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28th - Bingo – 7pm – Longnecks, Richwood, KY.
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FROM THE EDITOR

Huge thanks to everyone who grabbed a month to sponsor the newsletter -we're officially covered for the whole year. Can't wait to see all the stories roll in.

Hey Chapter Members -- This Newsletter Belongs to You If you've got something on your mind, something worth celebrating, or something the rest of the chapter should know about, send it my way. Whether it's a milestone, a member doing something awesome, or just a quick shout-out, I'm happy to help get it in front of everyone.

Share Your Riding Adventures – Got a story from the road – funny, wild, scenic, or just meaningful? We'd love to feature it. Write it up, attached a few photos, and I'll make sure it lands in the upcoming issue. Your experiences are what make this newsletter feel alive. Send your next ride story or trip photos.

Selling Gear? Let's Get It Listed – If you've got gear collecting dust, let's help it find a new home. Just Include:

Item photo – clear and well –lit

Price – firm or negotiable

Description – condition, size, details

Contact Info – how buyers should reach you

Once it sells, shoot me a quick message so I can take it down.

Head-up on Deadline – Stories, gear listings, announcements – everything needs to be in by the **20th of the month** so I can get the issue assembled and ready to roll out on time.



Mary Eicher
Newsletter Editor

JMC RIDERS NEWS

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Looking for some JMC Riders gear, or items for you motorcycle? Check out

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JMC will be at the [Sturgis Rally 86](#)-Aug 7t -- 16\ . Come check us out.

TRAVELING PLAQUE

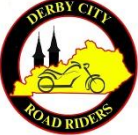
The Traveling Plaque promotes visitation between chapters. Each chapter has a chance to capture the plaque by attending the chapter meeting of the chapter who currently holds the plaque. Points are given at each meeting that your chapter attends. At the end of the year, at the KY Blast, the chapter with the most points, is awarded the plaque.

Check on [KY State Calendar](#) for updated information on meetings.

Chapter G has the plaque and it will be awarded at the Blast to start the 26-27 Traveling Plaque.



KY CHAPTER MEETINGS

 Chapter A—Louisville	Meets the 2nd Saturday Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7 Louisville, KY 40065 Eat at 11:00 am—Meet at 12:00pm
 Chapter C—Lexington	Meets the 3rd Saturday Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd. Lexington, KY 40509 Eat at 11:00am—Meet at 12:00pm
 Chapter G — Northern KY	Meets 2nd Tuesday Acapulco Mexican Grill & Bar, 7718 US 42, Florence, KY 41042. Come eat starting at 5:30pm—Meet at 7pm.
 Chapter K—Henderson	Meets 1st Saturday Echo Lanes 1698 Second St. Henderson, KY 42420 Meet at 12:30am (CT)— Eat at 1:00pm (CT)
 Chapter S — Elizabethtown	Meets 2nd Sunday Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701 Eat at 4:00pm—Meet at 5:00pm
 Chapter Y—Mayfield	Meets 1st Thursday Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S 6th St Mayfield, KY 42066 Eat at 6:00pm—Meet 7:00 (CT)

UPCOMING UNIVESITY CLASSES



Looking for a Road Course, you can sign-up on their website. Here's the [link](#).

Be sure to check out their website for updated information.
[RPM Academy](#)

UPCOMING KY STATE EVENTS

The 2026 Blast—Aug. 13th—15th—will be back at General Butler State Park. The theme is “Buccaneers on Bikes”. Registration forms can be found later in this newsletter or on kyroadriders.org.

Oct—23rd—26th—Fall Ride—We be similar to last year with ride staring in Henderson

COY & IOY 2026 MASCOTS



Winston

COY Mascot - Winston is currently with Dean & Cheri Brown of Chapter K. Winston will be available at the Chapter K gathering on 8/1/26. They meet at Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 Second St, Henderson, Ky. They meet at 12:30 (Central Time) and eat following the meeting.



Bevis

IOY Mascot - Debi Michel, of Chapter K, won Beavis at the Chapter Y meeting on 6/2/26. Beavis will be available at the Couple and Individual of the Year Breakfast at the Blast on Saturday morning from 8:00 to 9:00.



Get ready to win big! This year's COY & IOY raffle prize is a \$250 Amazon gift card. Grab your tickets from Jack & Carol Redd (COY) or Chris Davis (IOY).

We'll draw the winner at The Blast in August- you don't have to be there to win, but we'd sure love to celebrate with you!"

CHAPTER G RIDE CHALLENGE

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Ontario, CANADA	ISREAL	IRELAND	EGYPT
2600 Burlington Pike Burlington, KY 41005	1684 Petersburg Rd Hebron, KY 41048	205 North Main St Williamstown, KY 41097	6933 E. Alexandria Pike Alexandria, KY 41001
WALES	ITALY	EL SALVADOR	BRITISH COLUMBIA
420 Columbia St Newport, KY 41071	7101 Turfway Rd Florence, KY 41042	1664 Frogtown Rd. Union, 41091	385 Dudley Pike Edgewood, KY 41017
SCOTLAND	JAMAICA	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND
361 Taylor Ave. Bellevue, KY 41073	201 W. Shelby St. Falmouth, KY 41040	122 Electric Ave. Southgate, KY 41071	52 S. Main St Walton,,KY 41094
ENGLAND	FRANCE	POLAND	ITALY
640 Elm St. Ludlow, KY 41016	201 W, 8th St. Ste 105 Paris, KY 40361	301 E. Main St. Warsaw, KY 41095	14928 Walton-Verona Rd Verona, KY 41092

2026 RVR RIDE CHALLENGE

Travel around the world and never leave the great state of Kentucky. This is a BINGO challenge.

Eight of the locations(highlighted above) are also on the KRR State Ride Challenge.

• Instructions are simple: Go to the address, snap a picture of your thumbs up.

Collect pix for 4 in a row, across, down, or diagonal and send them to Donita Nardi before the September picnic. Each row is an entry in the drawing. A coverall gets you 8 entries. HAVE

FUN AND ENJOY THE RIDE

STATE MEPC CHALLENGE

Welcome to the 2026 State-wide Challenge – KRR Around the World in Kentucky! It is simple to play and hopefully includes something for everyone.

Everyone who wants to participate will receive a location list of 29 Kentucky cities. Each of these cities correspond to one in another country – the countries are also included on the list. The objective of the Challenge is to visit each city and snap a picture. The specific address for the location to visit is also provided on the list. In almost all instances, it is the local post office. For those few cities that do not have a post office, an alternative location has been picked and the address for those places are included on the list.

Once you reach the indicated address, simply snap a pic with your face and thumb up in front of the designated building. While this is intended to be a riding Challenge, we recognize that, for a variety of reasons, some of our KRR friends will not be riding this season or at least not as much. Therefore, please feel free to complete some or all of the Challenge in your automobile.

Once you have collected all 29 pics, email those to mepc@kyroadriders.org. If the image files are too large for a single email, feel free to send in multiple messages. Just be sure to notate the city number or numbers in the subject of each message – i.e. KRR Around the World in Kentucky Challenge - #5-#11.

The Challenge will run from the Winter Warm Up (January 30th & 31st) until midnight Saturday, August 8th. The winner will be randomly selected from all completed entries received by that date and be announced at the Blast at General Butler State Park August 13-15. Compete to win a sweet prize – a \$50 gift card – but more importantly for bragging rights. We had a good bit of participation in 2025 and are hoping for even more this year!

The Challenge List will be available on the KRR Website, on the KRR Facebook Page and via email from mepc@kyroadriders.org. Additionally, hardcopies will be available at the Winter Warm Up and from your Chapter MEPC.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues, please contact Miles, Mark, Dean and Lora at mepc@kyroadriders.org. Thanks in advance for playing. Have a great time!



STATE MEPC CHALLENGE

KRR AROUND THE WORLD IN KENTUCKY

	COUNTRY	CITY	TARGET LOCATION			COUNTRY	CITY	TARGET LOCATION
1	Ireland	Jamestown	66 Fair Oaks Dr Jamestown, KY 42629		16	El Salvador	Union	1664 Frogtown Rd Union, KY 41091
2	Germany	Frankfort (Frankfurt)	1303 US Hwy 127S, Ste 100 Frankfort, KY 40601		17	Isreal	Hebron	1684 Petersburg Rd Hebron, KY 41048
3	Wales	Newport	420 Columbia St Newport, KY 41071		18	Canada	Bloomfield (Ontario)	131 Taylorsville Rd Bloomfield, KY 40008
4	Greece	Berea (Beroea)	222 Glades Rd Berea, KY 40403		19	England	Walton (Liverpool)	52 S Main St Walton, KY 41094
5	Ireland	Franklin	619 N Main St Franklin, KY 42134		20	Scotland	Irvine	230 Main St Irvine, KY 40336
6	Palestine	Bethlehem	3946 Bethlehem Rd Bethlehem, KY 40007		21	Canada	Benton (New Brunswick)	219 W 5th St Benton, KY 42025
7	Australia	Albany	401 N Cross St Albany, KY 42602		22	New Zealand	Russell	517 Boyd St Russell, KY 41169
8	Singapore	Hillview (Bukit Batok)	175 Tanyard Springs Blvd Hillview, KY 40129		23	Australia	Marion (South Australia)	128 E Carlisle St Marion, KY 42064
9	England	Philpot (Thurston)	6028 KY-54 Philpot, KY 42366		24	Bahamas	Providence	107 E Main St Providence, KY 42450
10	Jamaica	Falmouth	201 W Shelby St Falmouth, KY 41040		25	France	Paris	201 W 8th St, Ste 105 Paris, KY 40361
11	Poland	Warsaw	301 E Main St Warsaw, KY 41095		26	Scotland	Galsgow	201 Columbia Ave Glasgow, KY 42141
12	Italy	Naples	Huff's Gas Station Naples, KY 41121		27	Spain	Cadiz	72 Lakota Dr Cadiz, KY 42211
13	Egypt	Alexandria	6933 E Alexandria Pike Alexandria, KY 41001		28	England	Manchester	309 Clay Cnty Shopping Cnt Manchester, KY 40962
14	Iraq	Bagdad	5811 Elmburg Rd Bagdad, KY 40003		29	Lithuania	Oak Grove	15124 Fort Campbell Blvd Oak Grove, KY 42262
15	England	Paducah (Farley)	3160 Irvin Cobb Dr Paducah, KY 42003		Email mepc@kyroadriders.org with any questions or completed Challenge Entries Challenge ends Saturday, August 8th @ Midnight			





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!

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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

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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 – Arrrrrr 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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www.kyroadriders.org

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: _____

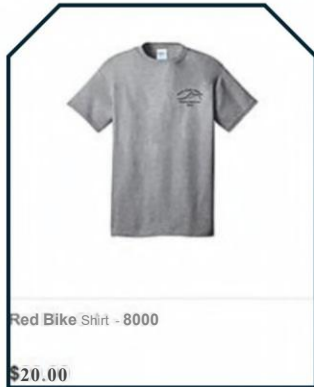
Co-Rider: _____

Date: _____

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Welcome to the River Valley Riders Gear Store. Looking for a new shirt or a hat, all you have to do is click on the Store link and order your gear.

STORE LINK



Red Bike Shirt - 8000

\$20.00



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\$32.00



Men's Prescott Long Sleeve Polo - 110 - Emb.

\$40.00



Women's Medalist 2.0 Jacket - 4397 - Emb.

\$45.00



Men's Medalist Jacket 2.0 - 4395 - Emb.

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Athletic Fleece Pocket Crew- 125200 - Emb.

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Cool & Dry Sport Cap - 6597

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Athletic Fleece Pocket Crew-125200-DTF Print Back

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**Honda Goldwing 2002, 1800cc, 96128 miles,
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**Illusion Red, excellent condition, serviced
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Contact Charlie Hobbs—859-802-6931

New front tire at 94891 miles, replaced
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Lots of chrome, hand guards, mounted GPS,
CB, highway pegs, belly pan, Honda service
Manual, 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.



FOR SALE

2010 Goldwing Motorcycle

Blue Book Value is \$11,500, but I will accept any reasonable offer.

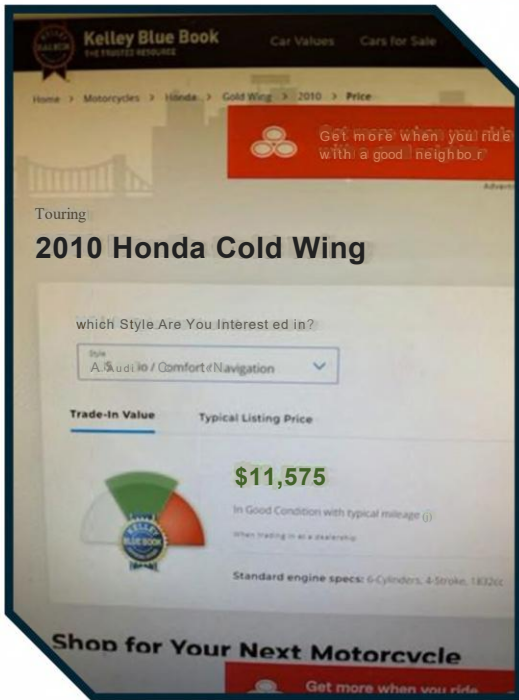
Comfort Audio ABS and airbag. Excellent condition.

19,900 miles. Garage kept every day.

Must see to appreciate.

If interested, contact Tom (Luanne's brother).

Phone number: (513) 236-7242 (text or call).



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Gladiolus and Poppy Lore - August Birth Flower

History and Lore of the Gladiolus



The name gladiolus comes from the Latin word for "sword," so named because the flowers grow up a long sword-like shaft. The name is commonly used for any of about 260 species of flowers, all of which share a similar body structure. They come in a range of colors, including pink, red, purple, orange, white, and more. For a fuller botanical description of the plant, Encyclopedia Britannica keeps a useful entry on the gladiolus.

To the ancient Romans, gladioli represented strength of character, sincerity, and generosity. Their sword-like shape caused them to be associated with gladiators, and Roman crowds are said to have thrown the blooms into the arena to honor a victorious fighter. That link between the flower and the fighter is still why the gladiolus is read today as a symbol of moral integrity, remembrance, and never giving up.

The ancient Greeks believed the flower sprang from the ground from the blood of Hyacinthus, a lover of the god Apollo who was accidentally slain by a discus. This myth eventually became more general, and one popular belief was that gladioli grew whenever anyone was slain by a sword.

The Poppy: August's Other Official Flower



Poppies are vibrant flowers with large, round, papery petals. Poppy plants produce one flower per stem, each with four to six petals, depending on the species. They come in a wide variety of colors, including white, pink, orange, yellow, and most commonly red, and often have dark centers. For a fuller look at the many kinds of poppy, Encyclopedia Britannica keeps an entry on the poppy.

Poppy seeds are a popular culinary ingredient, most often used to top pastries. Opium poppies also contain compounds that are used to produce morphine and codeine, two powerful pain-relieving drugs. In ancient Egypt, doctors prescribed poppy seeds to patients as a pain reliever, one of the earliest written records of the flower being used in medicine.

Ref: [August Birth Flower: Gladiolus](#) and [Poppy Lore - Farmers' Almanac](#)
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