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## From the Chapter Director



Hope no one has been blown away the last few weeks. We have been blessed that with all the rain and storms to have not had any really bad storms like several places in the South.

We have had some really pretty days with warm temps, hope you were able to get out and enjoy them. I know some of you have enjoyed getting out and starting to mow and do things in the yard. I won't mention any names but someone got a new zero turn mower this year. Rumor has it that they have already got up close and personal with a downspout and a fence lol, but still liking their new mower. It takes a little bit of getting used to, but everyone loves them after they do. Like I said I won't call any names but as newsletter editor I hope my article doesn't get deleted.

Don't forget about the KY Ride INN. Johnny and Sherry are going with Rita and me. I'll be making some reservations soon. If you're interested let me know and I can add you to our list of rooms. Or can give you the info on booking rooms.

We did a ride to Giant City State Park for some Chicken a couple of weeks ago and had a great ride, thanks to Al Hansen for leading the ride. Now that the weather is getting nicer and the restaurants are opening up more and more we will try to start doing some Saturday rides. We have some ideas for Saturday rides but we always like new and fresh ideas, so bring them on. If you have a Restaurant in mind, great or if you just have a ride, that will work too as we can always find a Restaurant or I can always find some back roads to get to a Restaurant lol. Who knows we might even find a new dead end road!!

Since Restaurants are opening up more and more and the weather is getting nicer all the time, starting in April we will start our Supper Rides back up! We will start with our Sponsors and go from there, new Restaurant ideas are always open.

Ride Safe and Stay Alert  
KY Dist. Ride Cord  
Chapter Y C/D's  
Dan and Rita

## View From The Saddle



This is the time of year when you start thinking about your next motorcycle adventure. And that gets you to thinking about past adventures. Without a doubt, our biggest adventure was when some of our Chapter NE-W members decided to make a ride through Canada.

These types of adventures takes several people to make it a successful trip. After a meeting of the attendees, one couple started looking in to accommodations, another couple drafted the route and figured a travel schedule and others filled in the blanks. A second meeting finalized the plan and we all agreed on the efforts of the others. As I recall, there were 5 bikes that left from Scottsbluff, NE one fine morning. This trip included riding through Wyoming and spending the first night in Sheridan. Next day we rode in to Montana where we spent the night in Helena. But we made a stop at the Custer Battlefield at the Little Bighorn. For some it was their first time to see the hillsides covered with markers where each soldier fell. The programs were very interesting and the ride thru the battlefield brought the battle to life.

We had decided early on that our trip would include a tour thru Glacier National Park. It was beautiful, of course, and we all enjoyed this leg of the trip. After Glacier NP we soon entered Canada.

I did learn a lesson at the border crossing. I had followed one bike all day so when we got the chance to move up in line to where we could do our Q&A with the Canadian authorities, I pulled up right behind the bike I had followed all day. Soon an official walked up to me and said, "If you're not going to pay attention to the sign, at least shut your motor off." Oops. The sign he was referring to said one vehicle at a time past that point. As a result of my indiscretion, the folks on the bike I was following and Jennie and I were "invited" to come inside where we did more Q&A as other members of our group passed through the check point and waited in the parking lot. Several minutes later, having learned our lesson, we were allowed to leave and get back on the road. A trick I learned along the way was when the sign said the next town was 80km I could look at my speedometer, which also had kilometers on it beside the miles per hour and the 80km corresponded to about 50 miles. But when it came to buying gas by the liter, I didn't try to figure that out. Just fill it up and pay the man.

We stayed the first night in Canada in High River in the southern part of the Alberta Province. We rode north the next day towards Calgary but before leaving Calgary one bike discovered a nail and a slow air leak in the tire of his BRAND NEW Goldwing. Fortunately, there was a Honda dealer in Calgary. We all wanted to stay until the new tire was installed but the bike owner convinced us to go on west and he'd catch up later. So, off we went heading west on Highway 1.

We had heard that the Canadian Rockies were even grander than those in the lower 48 and I believe it's true. It's a good thing the Wing has a sizable windshield because my mouth was open most of the day as we made our way to Golden, British Columbia. Since Banff, Lake Louise and other beautiful spots were in the vicinity, we had planned to spend 2 nights there. Rain finally entered the picture so it was a good thing we had planned to spend 2 nights. One afternoon Jennie and I and another couple (the ones who had the nail) decided it wasn't THAT wet so we'd see how far we could go towards Jasper. About 1/2 way the light rain turned in to light snow so it was only prudent that we head back to the motel.

The weather cleared up in time for our departure on the next leg of the journey. We would be staying in Kamloops, BC and spending the night at a ski resort. Not being skiing season, we had gotten good rates but I still wasn't sure what I had set us up for. But the resort was great, as were the people, and we enjoyed the mountain air and views that evening. We met several Canadians on the trip and they were all very nice folks.

We continued on to Vancouver, BC and spent a nice evening there. After Vancouver the group began to break up. Some had to get back to Nebraska and others had decided not to continue down the west coast so before long Jennie and I were riding with just one other bike. I have to admit that even though we had met some nice people and loved the ride and the scenery of Canada, I breathed a sigh of relief when we were welcomed back home to the USA. We saw, from a distance, the Space Needle in Seattle and other sites from Interstate 5 as we headed south. We spent that night in Lincoln City, OR.

Our ride down Highway 101 in California along the Pacific Ocean was amazing. Lots of interesting beaches and great seafood. We spent the night in Eureka, CA stopping to tour some of the Giant Redwoods. These Redwoods were decimated by logging during the early days but those that were too difficult to get to were spared and these enormous trees are impossible to describe. Breathtaking is the only word I can think of.

It was time to head for home and the two remaining bikes traveled to Reno, NV where we spent the night in a casino hotel. From there Jennie and I parted ways with our companions and we headed to Blackfoot, ID where we spent a couple of days with our youngest daughter and her family before getting home 12 days after our trip had begun.

We had traveled about 4,000 miles on this adventure and it remains our greatest bike trip. I suspect it will be hard for us to top that one.



Glacier National Park - Montana



Lake Louise- British Columbia



Seal Beach, California



Jennie wading in the Pacific Ocean for the first time

Kentucky Facts: More than 500 roses are in the garland presented to the Kentucky Derby winner each year.

Below is the list of Chapter Members who are current in the Levels Program. If you aren't listed or if this is wrong we'll look in to it.

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