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700 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Eat at 6:00 - Meet 7:00

First Thursday of the Month

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**Chapter  
Leader**



## From the Chapter Director



Rita and I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving with lots to eat and fun time spent with Family. Unfortunately Rita and I stayed quarantined with the Flu. But want to thank DJ and Pam for bringing us our Thanksgiving supper this year.

Well can you believe that on November 12th we had SNOW!!!! Anywhere from 1-3 inches, unfortunately by middle of the afternoon that Saturday it was pretty well gone.

I have to say going to the woods that morning for opening day of deer season and setting in my stand as the sun came up and snowing really hard it was so pretty and peaceful!! Of course it would have been prettier with a big buck walking thru the snow in front of my stand lol.

We will be riding in the Murray Christmas Parade on Saturday Dec 3rd like we do every year. We will stage behind the Murray Cracker Barrel at 3:45 with kick stands up at 4:00 to go to our staging area. You can arrive early and decorate or finish up after we get staged. We have been promised our regular spot close to the front for the 2 wheelers. Grab some decorations or whatever and come ride with us. Love seeing the Children's faces when they see the motorcycles!

The Chapter Y Christmas Party will be Dec 10th at 4 Little Pigs like always this year. I WILL NEED TO KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND NO LATER THAN THE MEETING DEC 1st!!! I have to turn the number of people in on Friday Dec 2nd.

We will be voting on our Couple of the Year at our meeting Thursday so please try and be there. Be thinking who you would like to vote for as this year's Couple of the Year. Someone who supports the Chapter and its members and helps out when needed. As always the winners will be announced at our Christmas Party.

Hope to see everyone at our monthly meeting this month. Get up and come on out and see everyone and do the Gold Winger thing, EAT!!

Dan and Rita  
KY Dist. Ride Coord  
Chapter Y C/D's

## View From The Saddle



"All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth." Remember that old song? I think about the time that Christmas song came out I was missing a tooth so it stuck with me, I guess. Now it seems that all I want for Christmas is to KEEP my teeth. My how time flies.

What do you want from Santa this Christmas? Is it time to replace the helmet that's been serving you so well for...how many years??? Helmet manufacturers say to replace your helmet every 5 years. That's because the Styrofoam padding tends to break down with age, sweat, etc reducing it's ability to absorb the shock of your noggin hitting the ground. Plus the plastics used in making the shell tend to get brittle over time. There have been a lot of improvements in helmets since the last time you were helmet shopping. So if it's been over 5 years since you purchased a new helmet, see if Santa will put it on his list for you.

I'll be in the market for a new battery for the Wing and I'll be watching for "Black Friday" or maybe after Christmas sales. I'm still riding with the original battery that came with my 2018 bike. As you all know, bike batteries give you little to no warning that they are failing and while I could probably get another year or two out of this original equipment piece, I'm sure if the battery failed me it would be at the least convenient time and place. I'd rather not deal with that just to get another year or so out of this battery. I did some reading the other day about batteries and I'll be sticking with the sealed glass mat type that's in it now, which is a Yuasa brand. The new lithium batteries are interesting due to their small size and light weight but there are some cons that offset the pros, I think. Seems these batteries don't like the cold very much and lack some cold cranking power. What I read said they would be fine on a smaller bike but for large touring bikes there are better options.

Have you looked at your tires recently. By recently I mean this year!!! I'm pretty fussy about keeping decent rubber under me since I don't have room to carry a spare and flat tires on a bike are a major inconvenience. And you can bet that when that flat happens it won't be while it's sitting in your garage. I plan to replace my back tire this winter sometime before the spring riding season. I was extremely fortunate to win a set of Dunlop Elite IV tires at the last Wing Ding I attended in Springfield, MO so I have that rear tire sitting in my shop ready to hit the road. The front tire has already been put on the bike but the rear still had too much tread left to replace it at that time. Don't quote me on this but I think I have around 20,000 miles on the back tire and the tread hasn't reached the wear bars yet. I check my tread depth with a micrometer, too, just to be sure I'm riding on a safe tire. The Dunlop rep who gave me the tires at Wing Ding said to check the tread depth at both sides and the center of the tire in several places. And you may need to adjust the tire pressure for winter riding. Should tires be on your wish list from Santa?

This is a wonderful time of the year. Jennie and I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and looking forward to a Happy New Year!

Steve Knode

We lost Chapter Member Rich Boston last August. He was born March 19, 1945 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and had a son, daughter and 6 grandkids.



Rich Boston (left), Steve Knode (middle) and Jim Reising (right) at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL 10/18/2019

# District Educator Report

Rick Artmayer District Educator



Happy Holidays everyone. Riding season has ended and many of us have put our motorcycles away until next year. We are now busily focused on our holiday party planning and gift giving. For those of you who find it difficult to plan effectively or find that perfect gift, you are in luck. I have some timely suggestions to hopefully make your life better.

First, regarding your motorcycle, be sure to check the list that the factory made for you in the owner's manual. Being that it is a machine, your motorcycle has parts that wear out and need to be replaced. Buying the right parts and replacing them on time will keep you, your co-rider, and your bike very happy and your relationship drama-free. Maybe you should even give your machine an early present and start placing fuel stabilizer in the tank now with every fill-up. This way you are sure the stabilizer will be everywhere it needs to be if your season is suddenly cut short and the bike needs to sit for longer than expected. If you are a DIY mechanic, perhaps there is a new tool that will help you perform a maintenance task better or more easily.

Second, regarding you the rider, be sure to check the list your factory gave you when you were built. OK, you are correct, no child of which I am aware comes with an owner's manual. Being the new grandparent that I am, I checked with the parents of each of my grandchildren, and they confirmed their newborns did not come with a manual. All our technological improvements, and still no manuals for newborn children? Hmm. But as adults we often get a "list" after each doctor visit. I know my report sometimes reads like a maintenance checklist. For all you DIY riders (and as I am not aware of any motorcycle currently produced with Autonomous Driving Technology, we are all "do it yourself" riders) there may be some suggestions on your "lists" for things you should have that will keep you riding safely.

And third, regarding your interaction on the road with others, check your Riders Education database history. In essence, it is your DIY rider's toolbox. Here you will find listed all the tools you have collected and the ones that need to be resharpened. Being an educated rider is your gift to others. It allows you to be more aware and more prepared for when you interact with other road users, even to the extent that you can prevent any drama from occurring. This is because you recognized in the moment the potential for disaster and took the necessary actions to avoid it, all due to the tools you learned through your training.

As we all navigate through this Holiday season, I want to wish everyone good cheer, and look forward to continuing our relationship in the New Year. I am making my lists to be sure to include my gifts to you. I am hoping you will do the same for me.

Richard Artmayer

KY District Educator

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Majestic Restaurant

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Walkers Dairy Dip  
(Old Larry D&D)  
Mayfield

Christmas Party  
4 Little Pigs, Benton

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Christmas  
Day!!

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