



## PURCHASE AREA WINGS

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## From the Chapter Director



We have had a couple of snows now, one good one and a dusting. Don't know about you but I'm ready for it to warm up and start riding. Hopefully we can do a lot more riding this coming year weather permitting, so let's be thinking of places to go and ride.

I went to Hebron, KY on Saturday the 29th for the KY District Ops meeting to see and hear what's ahead for 2022. I'll report more on that at the February get together.

Well, Chapter Y had to cancel their meeting for only the second time ever a couple of months ago. The first in 2009 for the Ice Storm and then in December due to the Tornado. But that's not bad since we opened the Chapter in 2003!!

Well we all remember what happened 13 years ago Jan 26th 2009, THE ICE STORM!!!! Everyone was out of power for different amounts of time, I was out 19 days. Luckily I had a gas cook stove, a gas water heater and running water, plus a big kerosene heater so I made it pretty good. I did get a generator a couple of days before the Super Bowl so I was in good shape lol!!! A whole lot of people had no power, water or heat.

We have a CPR FIRST AID CLASS on April 2nd, there are still a few spots open if you'd like to take the class. I need to know ASAP.

The rebuild of Mayfield is starting with so much still needing to be torn down and hauled off but, still, it is a start. Mayfield will never look the same. Families and Business owners still need your prayers.

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

## View From The Saddle



Winter has arrived. I remember a guy I worked with in Montana saying, on one especially cold morning, "There's nothing between us and the north star except a barbed wire fence." It was probably in the -20 degree range that morning so the description sounded accurate.

I needed to take the Wing to FDR Honda in Paducah on January 18 to have my Tire Pressure Monitoring System device in the front wheel replaced. It had been damaged at another shop during a tire replacement but that's another very long story that I won't go in to now. My original appointment at FDR, that I made several weeks earlier, was scheduled for January 19 but the forecast showed rain changing to snow in the evening. I called to see about moving the date up to the 18th since it was supposed to reach 50 degrees that afternoon and be dry. Mark and Doug were able to accommodate my request but Mark said I'd have to have the bike there by 10am. That meant leaving my house by 9:00 to make it. As I left that morning it was 30 degrees! I had my heated jacket and gloves on in addition to my thermal long handles (underwear, for you young whipper snappers), wool socks and a flannel shirt. My riding jacket is fairly wind proof and the chaps I always wear for protection from any potential slides help keep the body warmth in and the cold out. So I cracked open my visor so it wouldn't fog up, turned on my heated grips and seat and away I went. Fortunately, at about Calvert City, the temperature warmed to 40 degrees. And, as you all know, 10 degrees makes a huge difference when on a bike, warmer or colder.

As I neared Calvert City on I-24 I was feeling pretty good about things in general as the temperature warmed up. I was riding in the left lane since much slower traffic was in the right lane ahead. Just as I was about to pass a white car in the slow line of vehicles, the driver whipped out in to my lane with no signal and, apparently, not looking in her mirror. I don't want to exaggerate but I'd guess there was about 30' between her back bumper and my front tire when she peeled over in front of me. I hit the brakes and stabbed at my horn with my gloved thumb but my muscle memory from riding my 2006 Wing caused me to hit something other than the horn, which is in a different location on the 2018. So I just shook my head and said to myself, "I thought she might do that."

After arriving at FDR Honda I asked Doug to install a set of Centramatic wheel balancers I had purchased from WingStuff while he had the bike in his shop. So, after about 3 hours I was ready to ride again. The return trip saw 50 degree temperatures so I took the long way home.

Lastly, I was concerned that my Mick-o-Pegs were fading from black to a coppery color. I contacted a business in Guthrie, KY north of Clarksville, TN who does anodizing of metal. So I pulled the pegs off, tore them down in to individual pieces and took them to Guthrie. They promised a quick turn around, hence the name Quick Turn Anodizing, and I left the parts with them. I picked them up this evening and they look great. I have them back on the bike and they look like new.

Except for cutting, splitting and stacking firewood, that's what I've been up to recently. I like to plan bike trips this time of year so I may start thinking about where I'd like to ride to this coming season. We're way overdue for a trip back to Nebraska and South Dakota. And I hope to make it to my brother's in the Texas Hill Country, again. The bike is in tip-top shape ready to go wherever I point it. With the Mick-O-Pegs back on, we're good to go!

Steve

# District Educator Report

Rick Artmayer District Educator



Have you ever purchased a product that indicated “some assembly required”, like a small table or computer desk? How was your experience with putting it together? Most of these items include some sort of instruction manual, a materials list, and maybe even a list of tools required (usually a considerably basic list) to help you through the process. Reading the manual through before starting the assembly is always recommended so you can prepare and be informed for what is required.

Usually the first page (or pages) is dedicated to the warnings and dangers associated with use of the product. I was once told that for every warning message listed in the manual, or on a sticker on the product, there has been some legal action taken against the manufacturer. These warnings are usually considered “common sense” by many people but are still important to know. And repetition is a terrific way to learn.

Some manuals are nothing but pictures; two-dimensional likenesses of the parts with arrows indicating how the items are to be put together. Other manuals may include some words or sentences about the assembly, while still others go into complete detail and give advance warning about an otherwise unforeseen hurdle to help you bring the parts together smoothly. The best instruction sets in my opinion use pictures and words and offer links to videos so one can see the actual assembly performed.

After finishing your project and admiring your accomplishment, have you ever wondered what the author of the manual was thinking? What were the thought process behind the document that was produced for you and everyone else who would buy the product? Did they build the item themselves before (or during) the writing of the manual? Was your success in assembly based on the instructions or on your experience?

Operating a motorcycle is similar in many ways I think to assembling furniture. There are many steps involved in a successful ride. And while the motorcycle comes with an owner’s manual and maybe a list of basic accessories, the bike is only the tool we use to assemble the successful ride. There is no manual for your commute to work, or the ride to dinner. And even though we may take the same path for each of these rides over and over, each experience can be new and different, because so many variables exist that can change from day to day. Assembling a good ride will only be as successful as the experience we bring with us.

As members of GWRRA we are fortunate to have a reliable source of information and others’ experience in the Rider Education Program. The classes, seminars, and on-bike training opportunities often come with documents that include both pictures and words, and sometimes even links to videos we can watch. They will provide the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge to help you “write the manual” for your next ride.

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KY District Educator

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