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From the Chapter Director



We lost another Charter Member and longtime friend this last month, Gary Hopkins passed away! The Patriot Guard was Honored to Honor Gary as a Fire Chief and Chapter Y Members came to his Funeral also. The Chapter sent money to one of the Charities that the Family requested.

June 1st Steve & Jennie, Richard, Rita & I are headed out to Prestongburg, KY to the KY Ride IN at Jenny Wile State Park. Looks like the weather will be nice for us. There are lots of interesting rides out there: Loretta Lynn's Butcher Holler home place, the log cabin where the "pig trial" was held that kind of started the Hatfield/McCoy feud and other interesting things.

WE ARE MOVING THE JUNE MEETING A WEEK LATER DUE TO THE RIDE IN!! WE WILL BE MEETING ON JUNE 8th INSTEAD.

Looks like we are fixing to get some warm weather the last of the week. Be sure to drink plenty of water and take breaks as we are not ready for this hot weather and our bodies are not used to all that work outside.

Since the Ride In is this weekend it's now time to start thinking about the KY Blast coming up in August, the 17th, 18th & 19th. It's in Danville again this year and the Host Hotel is the Hampton Inn.

As every year, as we all get out and start riding again PLEASE BE EXTRA CAREFUL as the people in cars are NOT USED TO SEEING US, SOME NEVER ARE UNFORNATELY!!

Hope to see everyone at the monthly meeting Thursday June 8th.

Dan and Rita

Chapter Y C/D's

KY Assistant State Director

View From The Saddle



What a great May! I'm a cool weather guy so I really enjoyed those cool, dry days. I realize it won't last and the summer doldrums will soon be here but I appreciated the nice weather while it lasted. I didn't get to ride as much as I wanted to because of the bike being torn down waiting for the CB and antenna to get back and then the cataract surgeries but, with my crossed fingers, when I put the bike back together the CB worked perfectly all day. I can't explain it. The CB supplier said they found nothing wrong with the CB or antenna. Maybe things lined up just right when I plugged it in but I'm not touching it.

And my surgeries went smoothly, too, and I've recently finished my medicated eye drops, had my 3 week post-surgery doctor visit and all's well. My distant vision is perfect. No, really! Doctor says it's 20/15. Close up stuff, though, requires readers, but that's ok. I'm adjusting. But things have not looked so sharp and bright since I was a kid. If your doctor recommends cataract surgery, do it!

I hate to think that, at this age, I've started refusing to learn new stuff. For instance, I've watched plenty of YouTube videos about how we were all taught wrong about how to ride thru curves. Slow, Look, Press and Roll, right? Well, the latest thinking is that we should be adding a little front brake as we're hitting the curves a little fast. The conventional thinking earlier was that you accelerate thru the curve to set the suspension. I took that as gospel and felt it worked pretty well. But now they say adding that small amount of front brake puts more weight on the front tire where it will handle better and since it tends to slow you down slightly, it also tightens the radius of your turn. Accelerate and the bike wants to swing wider. Go slower and the radius reduces making the curve easier to go thru. Then, when you see your exit and you're under control THEN you accelerate. Makes sense when you think about it that way. Just do everything smoothly. Abrupt actions causes problems. One person summarized by saying "Don't surprise your bike." If you haven't watched any videos on this, find Canyon Chasers on YouTube and the guy will explain it to you. I still don't want to learn anything about Twitter or TikTok, or Facebook for that matter.

The Ride In is fast approaching so I'll be preparing for that trip this week. We've not spent any time in Eastern Kentucky so we're looking forward to it. I'm still hoping to make a bike trip to my brother's in the Texas Hill Country, again, so we'll see how that works out. That's 2 five hundred mile days to get there so you're ready to get off the bike at the end of those days. But I'll spent 4-5 days in Texas and then do the 2 day ride home. And if the weather doesn't cooperate, I can postpone until fall.

Remember to check your bike out to make sure there's plenty of rubber, oil, etc. I have to admit that with a Honda, I don't check the oil that frequently but there's no leaks and it's a fairly new bike. Tires, on the other hand, I check pretty religiously. I not only make sure the air pressure is correct but I look the tires over for wear, bad places and nails, etc. No one wants to deal with a flat on a bike on any trip and certainly don't want a tire failure when you're at highway speed. I do carry a patch kit, just in case, and because I haven't figured out how to carry a spare. Hope for the best and plan for the worst.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

District Educator Report

Rick Artmayer



The other day I was making a pre-trip checklist for the Ride In and realized I would need to update my Garmin Zumo 590 GPS that was purchased for our trip to Wing Ding 38 in Billings, Montana. It had been several months since I used it last, so I was thinking it would need an update. Normally a straightforward process, this time the update took a few days.

The first step to update the GPS is to connect it to the computer. Normally, the display comes on and within a few moments the image of a connection to a computer appears, followed shortly by the computer providing an audio confirmation of successful connection. This time there was no sound and the screen was very dim showing a depleted battery symbol. I then opened the Garmin Express application on the computer as this is the required tool to transfer the updates. Garmin Express could not find the GPS. I tried several different cords to be sure I had a data cord (some USB cords are only for power), and that the cord I was using was making a good connection. After verifying my cord was good, I opened the battery compartment and reseated the battery connection (one of the weak points of the 590). After having no luck, I decided to leave the GPS connected to the computer and head to bed.

The next day I was available to check the issue again. Now when I opened Garmin Express, the GPS was found quickly. The display on my Zumo was also much brighter than the day before and showed the proper image. So on to the next step. I downloaded the update and directed Garmin Express to install the data into the Zumo. After the usual check to verify the device would accept the update, a little window opened that I had never seen before, with a message I had not read before, indicating the update was too large for the built in memory to manage. It offered the suggestion to reduce the update to only a small map region or install a memory card. Out of luck yet again, I used my Prime account to get an SD card on the way for tomorrow and went to bed.

I tried again after work the next day and successfully installed the update. Thinking about the process to understand what happened and what I could do better for the next time, I realized there are some similarities between keeping the GPS updated and keeping ourselves updated as motorcyclists.

The first thing I realized is it is important to keep our equipment maintained. Our most important piece of equipment may be our bodies, and if we do not maintain our “batteries” by eating right and exercising, we will not be ready when it is time to be updated with latest information.

Second, we need to know our capacity for doing things and we need to be prepared with additional capacity in case of the unexpected. We never know when an event will test our limits and we need to have a cushion of extra time, equipment, etc., ready to prevent delays.

And third, patience is important to reaching our goal. Every task, every journey can include unforeseen roadblocks. Sometimes things will just take longer than expected. Failing to plan is planning to fail, so sticking with the plan will eventually yield success.

Rick Artmayer

KY State Educator



We lost Gary Hopkins recently. He has joined his late wife, Fay, in their Forever home.

Ride that bike on those streets of gold.

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