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Chapter



From the Chapter Director



Well deer season is going on now and gun season will be here the 2nd Saturday of this month so PLEASE BE EXTRA CAREFUL LOOKING FOR DEER TRAVELING!!

I was invited to a fall ride up thru KY and Southern Indiana a couple of Saturdays ago. We rode what they call the River Road to the Overlook for lunch and beautiful scenery. The ride was a super curvy road and river was super curvy too with the leaves starting to turn but really needed another week. It was unreal how high the Indiana side was and the Overlook was a beautiful place. It was a Saturday and the place was covered up with people so we decided to go on to another place for lunch. By the time I got home that night I'd rode 506 miles. Thanks to William Dixon, Terry Belcher & Bo Wilson for a great ride.

Finally supposed to be getting some badly needed rain, but the dry spell sure helped the Farmers get their crops out.

Everyone please be careful when out driving. Farmers are in the fields so that means brown deer and big green deere as in Tractors, combines and grain trucks are running up and down the roads, especially the back roads.

It's been a while but the old saying still goes if you see a Wing or for that matter any bike invite them to our Meeting or a supper ride, we can always use new faces in the Chapter.

Garden of the Gods Ride

Well the day started out wet and dreary for our Garden of the Gods ride on Monday the 30th. We left Mayfield with 11 people and 5 cages. We had Jim and Becky, Mike and Christy, Stubby and Nan, Bill, Steve, William, Rita & I in attendance. We drove up to Vienna Diner for a great lunch, then on to Garden of the Gods to see the leaves. It turned into a sunny day with temps in the mid 40's with some wind. But all in all it was a great day with an added bonus of stopping at the Chocolate Factory for ice cream before heading home. Only way it could have been better was if we were on bikes and trikes but hey with the weather and health problems no one seemed to mind being in cages today. Missed Ya'll.



Dan and Rita
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View From The Saddle



I recently watched the Ken Burns special on the American Bison. Like everything Ken Burns does, it was very well done. To realize how close we came to losing such a magnificent animal is scary. Of course, as you may remember from an earlier View From The Saddle, SCARY is seeing a charging cow buffalo when you're sitting on a motorcycle with no escape route. That's where Jennie and I found ourselves while riding the Wildlife Loop in Custer State Park in South Dakota many years ago. As you may recall, I swung the bike to the left hoping on hope that the cow would stop her charge but she caught the back of the bike knocking us off the road and down thru sagebrush and rocks where we went down. Fortunately, the cow had made her point and returned to the herd instead of continuing her attack. With the help of strangers, we got the bike back up on the road, gathered our bike pieces off the ground and wrapped my bleeding hand, our only injury.

I guess we were lucky that it wasn't a bear that wanted to eat us, but being struck by a 6' tall charging buffalo is exciting enough, thank you very much. Like so many things in life, it could have been much worse and we're still thankful that a cut on the back of my hand was our only injury.

Wildlife can present a danger to us any where and any time. Dan mentioned deer hazards being especially high this month. Deer will soon be in the rut and that changes their normal activities from fairly predictable to wildly unpredictable. Bucks are running does day and night and watching out for traffic is not on their minds now thru mid-December. I suspect all of us have had a close encounter with a deer while riding. And if you see one deer cross the road in front of you, ignore it and look for deer number 2 or number 3 because there is usually more than one.

I was riding in the Texas Hill Country with my brother and as he topped a hill he found a road kill that a group of turkey vultures were feeding on. As they flew from him, one buzzard was in a hurry to get back to breakfast and flew right in front of me as I crested the hill. Fortunately, we missed each other. A buzzard is a big bird and I think the worst that might have happened would have been a broken windshield or some other plastic part but you never know. I'm just glad he made it safely back to his meal and I avoided a collision.

It wouldn't take a buffalo to cause you to go down, if you're on 2 wheels, that is. Even a dog or coyote, maybe even a large raccoon, could ruin your day. We must do our best to keep from hitting anything while we're riding. You can improve your odds of avoiding a collision by not riding after dark, if at all possible. Many animals are nocturnal plus you're visibility is limited to what you can see in your headlights.

So as we enter the fall riding season, be mindful of any hazard that you may encounter: rutting deer, farm machinery, wet leaves, dogs that aren't paying attention and any number of other things that could spoil your ride. This is a great time of year to be riding. Just be a little more aware right now and you can enjoy all that the fall season has to offer.

Rider Education Report



Hello everyone. I would like to thank all our veterans for keeping this great country safe and free so we can enjoy riding how, where and when we want.

A thought to ponder for this month:

Your mind is the garden.

Your thoughts are the seeds.

You can grow flowers or

you can grow weeds!

What are you choosing to grow today?

For me, Fall is full of activities and events. It seems there are hundreds of festivals and harvest gatherings every weekend until Thanksgiving. If work was not so crazy-busy for me, I might be able to enjoy some of them. I was fortunate enough to be granted two days off last month and took the opportunity to take a short ride to the Virginia Rally in Roanoke. Planning for that trip took most of my free time for October, but it did give me a chance to get some fresh air and nearly 1200 miles to ponder my next article.

On our way home from the Rally on Sunday, in a small West Virginia town where we decided a local Italian restaurant looked like a good option for lunch, we were suddenly reminded that education can happen at any time in any place. It is often written that to stay alive while riding a motorcycle, it is important to be vigilant to see the dangers around you, to anticipate where dangers you cannot see may appear, and to ride in a manner that permits you to be seen by other motorists and road users. I believe we were doing exactly that when, immediately after parking in the restaurant lot, we were greeted by the local Deputy Sheriff. He was very eager to explain to us the rules associated with the red octagon signs we had just rolled past, and how these rules are for our own safety and for the safety of others. When he was finished with his educational lecture, we thanked him for sharing his knowledge and promised to practice safe riding henceforth.

That's all for this month. Please stay safe, remember an educational moment can happen any time, and for those who participate, have a happy Thanksgiving.

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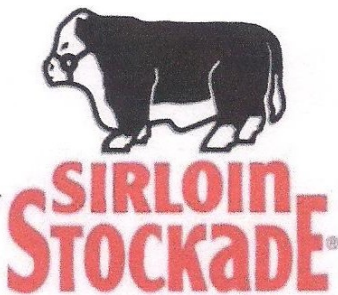
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