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## Chapter



## From the Chapter Director



Well looks like winter is starting to coming in for sure with some temps down in the 20's and some frost on the ground.

Rita and I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and hope everyone gets to spend time with their Families during the Holidays.

Don't forget our Chapter Y Christmas Party will be Dec 9th at Hamlet Garden behind 4 Little Pigs in Benton at 6:00 PM. We will have a meal and play dirty Santa with each one bringing a \$20.00 man or woman's gift if you want to play.

We had Johnny Myers, Glenn Cope, Steve McClure and Myself from Chapter Y, along with Steve and Bobbi Hibbard and James Gruber ride in the Mayfield Christmas Parade on the 25th. We will be riding in the Murray Christmas parade this Saturday the 2nd. I'll be sending out an email with staging location and times, you can decorate your bikes with tensile and lights or just come ride with us. **IN THE MURRAY PARADE THERE IS TO BE NO THROWING OF CANDY!!** You can walk along beside the floats or bikes and pass it out, just no throwing for participants. This is to protect small children from running out in front of the floats, bikes or cars.

Well the new year is coming up and if ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER AS CHAPTER DIRECTOR I WILL BE GLAD TO PASS ON THE TORCH OR TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE POSITION IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. Now please don't EVERYONE jump at once or do that's fine too lol.

We will be selecting a new Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year at the meeting, so be thinking who you would like to nominate for these positions.

Just a heads up the end of January we will be having our KY Road Riders OPPS Meeting in Northern KY. I will be going up on Friday and attending the meeting and coming home that night. The will be a get-together Saturday night with Prom night. You can dress up like it's Prom back in the day or today with dancing and other fun things if you'd like to go and stay Saturday night.

Dan and Rita  
Chapter Y C/D's  
KY Assistant State Director

## View From The Saddle



Welcome back to View From the Saddle. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We had our youngest and her family here for the whole Thanksgiving week. The two boys are deer hunters now and they each killed a deer. Cooper, who's 11, got a fork horn buck. Well, almost a fork horn. It was one fork and one spike. But, like I told him, every one counts one so he got his deer. He's been really sick with mono and strep throat so he felt pretty crummy when he arrived. So no wonder that when he had a chance to finish his deer season, he took it. His variety of illnesses reminded me of an old ranch I over heard at the vet's office when I was a kid telling the doctor his cow's have had everything from bloat to dish pan hands.

Eli, now 9 years old, killed his first deer with a rifle. He shot a very fat doe and, like his brother, decided that was enough. He had killed his first doe last year with a crossbow but this was his first with a youth model .243. Since

Dad had spent a week bow hunting when we put up the 4 stands, he dedicated this week to the boys. After they were done he went out several times with his bow but had no luck finding that big buck he wanted. But he had his chances that first week and things didn't work out where he could take a shot but he felt he had a good season.

So now I'm putting together my Christmas list for Santa. My son-in-law and I were talking about a Bluetooth dongle that would be attached to my bike's USB port so I could bring up CarPlay on the bike without having my phone wired directly and stashed in my storage area above the gas tank. Every time I turn off the bike I have to reboot my Bluetooth headset, which requires me to unplug the phone and plug it back in after the headset connects to the bike. It's a pain in the rear and with this new dongle from CarlinKit, this problem, theoretically, will be solved because it will (should) reconnect to CarPlay without me dealing with the phone, which will be on my hip, where it belongs. So, having heard about this device, he had my daughter pick one up someplace and she gave it to me for Christmas. When I installed it and tried it out it didn't work right, of course, so I did some research and think I have a cure. Cross your fingers.

I was planning on putting a new riding jacket on my list since my safety yellow has faded some. But my brother had a riding jacket he had worn twice and decided he didn't want it and is shipping it to me. It looks like it's bone white, which will be pretty visible, too, but it won't match Jennie's jacket so I'll see how I like it and decide about a high vis-yellow jacket later.

New riding gloves, a new wide brimmed hat for mowing and couple of other odds and ends is about all I've come up with, so far. You have to be a really good boy to expect more than that so I may be out of luck.

Christmas is still a few weeks off, thank goodness, but Jennie and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from the Silent K Farm. Next thing you know it will be 2024!

Steve Knode  
Newsletter Editor

## Rider Education Report



For my last article for 2023, I thought I would share some technical information about lithium, a chemical element of the alkali metal group that is the lightest metal known and one that is used especially in alloys and glass, in mechanical lubricants, and in storage batteries. In the periodic table, its symbol is Li, its atomic weight is 6.939, its atomic number is 3, and its specific gravity is 0.53 at 20°C.

Lithium is the 33rd most abundant element on Earth, but it does not naturally occur in its pure form due to its high reactivity. Lithium metal, due to its alkaline properties, is corrosive and reacts with water. Breathing lithium dust or alkaline lithium compounds irritates respiratory tracts. Prolonged exposure to lithium can cause nervous system disorders, and it can cause fluid to build-up in the lungs, leading to pulmonary edema. The metal itself is a handling hazard because of the caustic hydroxide produced when it is in contact with water, which can cause an explosion.

There are three sources of lithium: underground mines, surface clay, recycling, and brine water. 87 percent of the world's lithium comes from the brine water, with the highest lithium concentrations found in Bolivia, Argentina, and Chile.

Lithium mining carries high environmental costs. Mining companies operating in the salt plains of South America, which are essentially high deserts, require extensive extraction operations and use nearly two-thirds of the available fresh water, leaving very little for farming and livestock.

The smallest currently available source of lithium is that contained in recycled electronics. While lithium recycling is not yet capable of yielding material pure enough for reuse in batteries, it can be used in glass and ceramics, the second-largest lithium-consuming industry after the manufacturing of lithium-ion batteries.

And, since the Thanksgiving holiday seems to come and go so quickly:

Q: Fruit comes from a fruit tree, so where does turkey come from? A: A poul-tree.

Q. If pilgrims traveled on the Mayflower, what do college students travel on? A. Scholar ships

Q: What would you get if you crossed a turkey with a ghost? A: A poultrygeist!

I hope your holidays are safe and happy.

Richard Artmayer

KY State Educator

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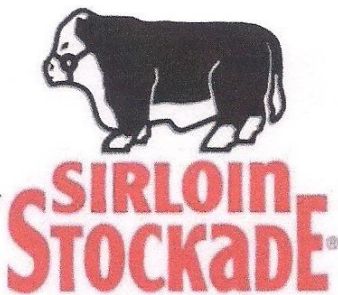
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