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First Thursday of the Month

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From the Chapter Director



Can you believe it, it's already May and the day of our meeting it will be 241 days till Christmas!! Doesn't that make you feel good lol please don't shoot me. Another reminder the Ride Inn this year is June 2nd & 3rd at Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg, KY. This is eastern KY and some great scenery and great roads to ride.

On Friday I will be leading a ride thru the Hatfield-McCoy area with a stop at the log cabin that had the pig trial that started most of the problems. Along with other scenic things. There will be guided and no guided rides on Friday and unguided rides on Saturday.

We will be leaving on Thursday to go out as it's over a 7 hour ride to get there. Registration forms are on the KY Web page (KY ROAD RIDERS) or just give me a yell and I'll send you one.

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 UNFORTUNATELY!! Hope to see everyone at the monthly meeting this Thursday.

Dan and Rita

Chapter Y C/D's
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View From The Saddle



If April showers bring May flowers, it's going to be beautiful around here this month. While the Silent K Farm hasn't had as much rain at Paducah, which they say has had the 8th wettest start to the year ever, it's been plenty wet. I have a very nice rain gauge that shows we've had 18.53" this year so the grass and crops are getting off to a good start.

I met some of you in Princeton on April 15 for lunch and then rode to Dover, TN for ice cream. From there we parted ways and I rode the Trace back up to Grand Rivers and was headed home from there. But as I rode north the sky got darker and darker. Just after getting off the Trace south of Grand Rivers it started lightly raining. I was hoping on hope that it would end after I headed east from Grand Rivers but it started raining harder. I learned a long time ago that there's no need to get wet and then put on the rain suit so I whipped in to a nice sized parking lot surrounded by small businesses, including a coffee

shop that, unfortunately, was closed and got off the bike and ducked in their covered outside dining area. Lightning started flashing close around me as the rain got more and more intense and the thunder roared, even with my helmet still on. But I had a comfy chair and a good cover over my head so I waited about 30 minutes for the rain to stop.

After the storm passed I checked the radar and saw that the storm was continuing all the way to my house so I put on the rain suit and headed home. The worst was past me but without the rain suit I would have gotten pretty wet.

As an update, I'm still having issues with my CB. It's frustrating that the problem can't be located and fixed. I sent the CB back to the company that supplies them to Honda and after testing it twice and now including the antenna, they can't find a problem. Actually, the first time they said they found a bad circuit board and for \$250 they would fix it. But when I got it back it still didn't work. Now they are saying it must be in the bike's wiring harness...I'm about done with it. Honda's solution: buy a new CB radio system, front to back. I mean, it's only another \$1,000 plus labor. They were quick to point out that my extended warranty that I bought when I got the bike didn't cover it. Even though it was installed at the dealership before I picked up the bike new in 2018.

So when I get the CB and antenna back, I'll reinstall it on the bike, and reassemble the bike so I can ride again. I'm on hold from riding or doing much of anything for a week since I just had my 2nd cataract surgery last Thursday. But soon I'll have my bike back together and with my eyes healed, I'll be ready to ride.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor



Almost made it home dry from Chapter Ride to Princeton 4/15/23.
Closed coffee shop at Grand Rivers protected me from heavy rain and lightning.

District Educator Report

Rick Artmayer



Now that it is May, we are ready to hit the road and ride. While we each have our own favorite way to ride and places to go, we all share one thing in common – we all need gasoline* to run our motorcycles. Gasoline holds a lot of energy. What other common, legal, affordable (relatively speaking), and readily available substance is able to propel a 3,500-pound object 30 miles? Because we all use gasoline every day, it is easy to lose the respect we should have for it considering the potential danger of mishandling it.

Here are a few tips I found when fueling your motorcycle.

Turn off your engine. Besides being a federal law, it just makes sense. If the fuel was to spill as you bring the nozzle to and from the filler neck, or as a result of an overfill, the risk of fire is much greater if the engine is running due to the heat of the engine and the spark from the active ignition.

Take your helmet off. The rising fumes, which are not healthful (and known in California as a carcinogen) may get trapped under your helmet visor and create a toxic cloud around your head. Also, if your helmet is still connected to your audio system by a cable, it may be more difficult to get away if the fuel was to ignite.

Get off the motorcycle. If you spill gasoline, your clothing may get wet. Then what do you do? Yes, it will evaporate, but it is the fumes of gasoline that burn, not the liquid itself. In fact, and I do not recommend testing this, but if you take a lit match and place it fast enough into a container of gasoline, the match will be extinguished, without starting a fire. You must at once drench the effected clothing with water and then remove them. Do not walk anywhere with gasoline on your clothes. Static electricity may cause the fuel to ignite. And it can cause a chemical burn to your skin if allowed to stay in contact long enough.

Turn off your ignition, all electrical accessories, and especially your mobile phone. Do not smoke within 20 feet of the pump. This is also federal law.

A fire at a fuel pump happens somewhere in the United States almost every day. Be smart, obey the rules, and stay safe.

*It is true there are motorcycles using sources of energy and propulsion systems not requiring gasoline, but these are still in the vast minority.

Richard Artmayer

KY State Educator



What a turn out! Thanks to our guests from Chapter K and Chapter G
we had a full house for the April 6 meeting.

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