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## Chapter



## From the Chapter Director



Well the Blast was a success this year and I think everyone had a good time. From doing the self-guided rides to doing the bike games. There was cone weaves, bean bag toss, slow ride & other games. Rich and Leah along with the State Staff did a great job.

We had a jail and I was the jailer and Richard was my deputy. I had a blast sneaking up on people and arresting them when they were not expecting it, I even arrested the Wing'd Rider Executive Vice President Jere Goodman. You could pay to have others arrested and I could be bribed to let people out early. Plus other games for the inside with snacks and a great food truck and also a great supper with either Ribeye steak or Chicken. We had the Cookie Lady back this year, it was \$5.00 for a cookie but they were BIG COOKIES and they were really good. The Shirt Lady and Diamond Seats were there and they said they had a really good weekend and would definitely be back next year.

Remember we will be picking a shirt cooler at this month's get together. I led a group thru the Livingston Co ride this week and had lots of memories during the ride. One set of curves where Steve and Sheila laid their bike over in a ditch and Jeff and Connie took a scenic ride thru the ditch up the bank across the people's front yard and out the opposite side of their yard and just kept on going lol. There were several other things too, from Bull's to missed curves and great food.

**HOPE EVERYONE HAS A GREAT LABOR DAY WEEKEND!!**

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

## View From The Saddle



The Blast was a blast. If you weren't at this year's Kentucky Road Rider's Wing'D Rider rally in Danville, KY you missed a great event. The venue at The Showroom was excellent. Lots of room for various events and we didn't have to share it with anyone else. The parking lot was big enough for on-bike games to safely run without worrying about being run over by some nearby shopper. The area provided nice rides to interesting destinations and Don Price provided a series of ride maps that could be downloaded to your phone from a QR code for each ride. So you were provided with a "guided" ride that you could take on your schedule. That worked especially well with my 2018 Wing that has the ability to use CarPlay. This allowed me to show the ride map on my bike's GPS screen.



Sheriff Bondurant arrests outlaw Johnny Myers



Johnny, Sherry, Jennie and new friends Steve and Leslie at High Bridge Park





It's hard to judge how high this bridge is until a train passes over it.



Taking my Wing thru the slalom race.

The 2024 Blast will, again, be in Danville and that's fine with me. We haven't worn out this location yet. There was good food, good evening entertainment, good riding, good friends and lots of fun. It was a BLAST.

Steve Knode  
Newsletter Editor

# Rider Education Report



I hope everyone that attended the 2023 Kentucky Blast enjoyed the event. There were many games to play and great riding opportunities available during a week in August of lower-than-normal temperatures. There were also educational opportunities supported by the RPM Academy training curriculum. Even the game at the Rider Ed table offered a chance to learn about different road signs, and you could also learn about the importance of hand strength and how the use of your right-hand fingers affects your ability to stop your motorcycle.

Motorcycling is a physical activity that requires the operator to have a certain amount of strength to control the motorcycle safely and effectively. Nearly every bike made has a hand brake lever, normally for the front brake, and a foot brake lever, normally for the rear brake. (Some scooters I have seen and ridden have only hand brake levers, with one for the front brake and one for the rear brake.) Some motorcycles have combined or linked braking arrangements, such that some rear braking is included when the hand lever for the front brake is activated, and some front braking is included when the foot pedal for the rear brake is activated. Regardless of how the braking system is engineered, as much as 80% of the total braking power of the motorcycle is in the front brakes, making strong hands necessary to safely ride your vehicle.

Beginning riders are normally taught to use all four fingers when applying the brake, and at all other times to leave the fingers on the handgrip. More advanced riders can learn about alternate techniques of using one, two, or three fingers to cover the brake lever. There are several reasons for using any of these techniques, and there are right and wrong times to cover the brake. Covering the brake is simply holding one, two, or three fingers over or just on top of the brake lever. The benefit of this is a faster reaction time when needing to apply the brakes, since your fingers are already extended. It is possible that as much as a quarter second can be saved by covering the brake. At 60 miles an hour, that quarter of a second translates into 22 feet, or more than an average car length. The drawbacks to covering the brake include decreased ability to apply full pressure to the lever, the potential to roll on the throttle while braking, and the potential in slow speed maneuvers to drop the motorcycle by inadvertently applying the front brake.

Several people who used the strength gage available at the Rider Ed table found out just how much difference there is between a two finger and a four finger pull on the brake lever. Regardless of your riding experience, using all four fingers supplies the strongest pull on the lever, which is nearly twice the power of a two finger pull. I find that reducing my pull on the brake lever is easier than trying to apply more pressure, especially if I am already trying to apply the most pressure possible.

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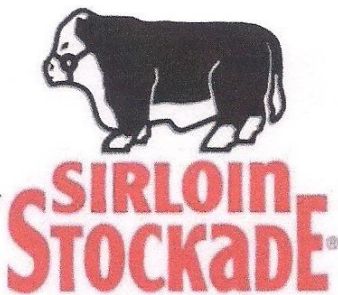
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