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Chapter Fundraiser



From the Chapter Director



Hope everyone found a lot of Easter Eggs and had a fun time spoiling the Grandkids.

The weather has been pretty nice here lately and hopefully everyone has been getting some riding in. Hopefully we can start getting in some Chapter rides too. As always with spring comes farming and lots of equipment going up and down the road. So please be careful because you never know when a tractor, sprayer or even clods of dirt maybe around the corner.

Hope you're making plans to attend the KY Ride Inn in Henderson May 31st thru June 1st. Ch. K is hosting the Ride Inn this year and there are several things to do and see in the area.

The KY Blast dates are August 15th, 16th & 17th in Danville. I've ask Steve to include the 2024 KY Ride Inn Flyer in our Newsletter. I have booked some rooms if anyone is interested just let me know.

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

View From The Saddle



March has marched on and we are in to April. I suspect we'll get the April Showers we all learned about as kids and those showers aren't always easy to avoid on the Wing. I've been caught numerous times in everything from a sprinkle to thunderstorms with downpours and even hail. That was mostly in Nebraska where storms blew up quickly seemingly out of nowhere and could often become violent events. Out there you rarely found an overpass to hide under or a car wash to drive in to for shelter. So we learned to always carry our raingear and keep an eye to the sky.

Early on we didn't have a cell phone with a radar app to see how things looked up ahead. You watched the sky and made the determination whether to stop and let the storm move past before you rode in to it, find a place to pull over and put on the rain gear and proceed or go back the way you came and find a coffee shop and wait it out.

Jennie and I have had several types of rain suits over the years. One set we tried were coveralls with a zipper that ran from about your ankle to your collar. Looked like a great way to stay dry and we got pretty fast at zipping up each others suit. I found out that nifty zipper let water in as it ran down my front side. Sitting there, the water tended to pool and made it's way inside. That was the end of the coverall experiment.

So now I make sure the jacket not only zips but has a storm flap covering the zipper, preferably one that closes with Velcro. Then I want pants with NO zipper with a high waist and, preferably with suspenders. I've found a hood that rolls up in the collar is nice when the rain is especially bad that I can put over my head under my helmet so the rain doesn't run off my helmet and down my back. If a hood isn't included I definitely want a substantial collar that can be tucked up under the back of my helmet.

The hiking boots I ride in are waterproof and the rain suit pants have a strap that goes around my instep so I haven't had issues with water in my boots. Plus, I always ride in my chaps. If I knew for certain that my trip would include riding in heavy rain, I have a pair of over the calf riding boots that are also waterproof. Those would certainly keep my feet dry but they are not comfortable to walk in so I rarely wear them.

I'm sure we've all seen various styles of biking rain gear. I contacted the home office at GWRRA and told them I'd seen everything from Frog Toggs to rain gear you see on Deadliest Catch and everything in between and I suggested that if they'd find a nice rain suit at a decent price and put GWRRA on it, people would buy it. And they told me, basically, "thanks for your suggestion".

But I'd highly recommend that we all have a decent set of rain gear on the bike that you can get in to fairly quickly. I've never seen any sense in waiting until I was wet to put on my gear so I'll be quick to put mine on if it looks like I may get rained on. Otherwise, scrunch down behind the windshield and fairing and hope you can keep your speed up until you're through it. Won't work, but you tried.

Here's to dry, sunny days.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



It is true that the most common topics of this column are about the concerns of the rider. Perhaps this is because I am one, or because there are more riders than co-riders. But far be it from me to put the interests of the co-rider in the back seat! This month I would like to share an interesting quiz I found on the website of the Harley Owners Group Winchester Chapter #5372.

Co-Rider Level I Knowledge Test

1. Co-Riders should help the Rider balance the motorcycle at stops by putting their feet on the ground. True: ___ False: ___
2. Co-Riders should keep their feet slightly forward on their floorboards or pegs to keep from being forced forward when stopping. True: ___ False: ___
3. The Co-Rider should mount the motorcycle and be ready to go, even before the Rider gets to the motorcycle. True: ___ False: ___
4. While riding through a turn or a curve, look over the Rider's shoulder in the direction of the turn. True: ___ False: ___
5. The Co-Rider should have the same level of safety clothing as the Rider does. True: ___ False: ___
6. Your helmet should be at least DOT approved. True: ___ False: ___
7. If your Rider has passed an Experienced Rider Course you can count on a safe ride. True: ___ False: ___
8. The Co-Rider should inform the Rider before mounting or dismounting the motorcycle. True: ___ False: ___
9. It's not important for the Co-Rider to be looking through a turn, as long as the Rider does. True: ___ False: ___
10. If the motorcycle starts to fall over while not moving, the Co-Rider should put their foot down to help the Rider stabilize the bike. True: ___ False: ___

11. If the Rider becomes disabled during a ride, the Co-Rider should grab the brakes. True: ___ False: ___

12. If the Rider becomes disabled during a ride, the Co-Rider should push the Rider off the motorcycle, so that you can at least save yourself. True: ___ False: ___

13. The engine cut-off switch will immediately stop the motorcycle. True: ___ False: ___

14. Don't expose any skin that you're not willing to lose. True: ___ False: ___

15. The C.B.'s main purpose is to communicate with the other Co-Riders. True: ___ False: ___

16. Your Rider would probably appreciate while you're pointing things out, that you include descriptive locations. True: ___ False: ___

17. Moving around during a ride has no effect on the Riders control of the Motorcycle. True: ___ False: ___

18. The added weight of the Co-Rider will affect turning and stopping of the motorcycle. True: ___ False: ___

19. The speed of the motorcycle and body movement have no bearing on each other. True: ___ False: ___

20. Wait until just after you and your Rider are moving to tell him that you must go to the bathroom. True: ___ False: ___

Answers:

1. F 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. T 6. T 7. F 8. T 9. F 10. F 11. F 12. F

13. F 14. T 15. F 16.T 17. F 18. T 19. F 20. F

Richard Artmayer

KY State Educator

Membership Enhancement March 2024

Can any of you believe the weather we are having? I have seen numerous bikes on the road during these warmer days and I am hoping to get out myself soon.

It is sooo good to see the chapters visiting with each other and hopefully the new riding season will contribute to even more visitation. As you travel, don't forget to have your passports signed! I personally would love to see 50+ members compete for the passport prize, and it's all up to you to make that happen.

Over the past months I have heard current members express concern about the quality or lack thereof of our national organization. I cannot force any of you to accept anything other than what you perceive as factual about the Wing'd Rider organization. Here is what I offer to you. Think back to the days when the GWRRA first began. It took them several years to bring that to prominence. All new things begin small and take time to grow and develop. Today, we are the Kentucky Road Riders. We are a part of the Wing'd Rider organization. This gives us a national organization that supports our chapters and states, all while giving us individually a place to gather and socialize. They do not demand from us like the GWRRA did. My hope is that you give the organization time to grow and mature, and in turn grow yourselves within our state. We have, as a state, set a standard for others. We are the only state where all our chapters agreed to become Wing'd Rider participants. We are the only state to continue the Membership Enhancement Program. We have set ourselves as unique among the others and I for one kind of like that idea. Your membership in Wing'd Rider gives you a chapter to associate with without any further requirements. Your membership is what you make of it! It is your chapter that supports you and provides you with the opportunities we all enjoy. In time, we will see growth and an ever bigger national rally that everyone wants.

For January, our Newsletter of the Month winner is Chapter G! Congratulations!!!!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose

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Birthdays

none

Anniversaries

Rita and Dan Bondurant 5th

Sheila and Steve Spiceland 10th

50 / 50 Winners

Jennie and Steve Knode \$8.75

Prayer Requests

Sheila Spiceland - back issues continue

Bill Long \$8.75

Mae and Glenn's son-in-law, Brad

Sherry Myers - foot problems continue

White Tag

Johnny Myers - knee issue continues

Sherry Myers -\$5

Mike Vanhooose- fighting cancer, again

 AS ALWAYS, OUR MILITARY, VETERANS
AND COUNTRY

Door Prize Donors

Rita and Dan Bondurant

Door Prize Winners

Martha and Randi Baldree

Jim Reising and Becky

Jim Reising

Sherry and Johnny Myers

Rose and Jack Riggs

Rose and Jack Riggs

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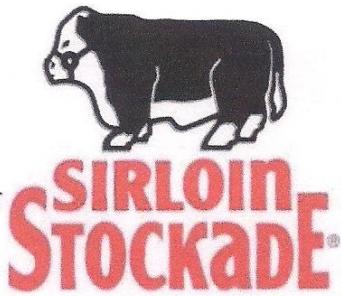
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Join the Fun!

Join the Kentucky Road Riders (KRR) for their annual Ride In. Cost is \$30.00 per person, Wing'D Rider Members, \$25.00. Registration includes, guided rides, Friday night dinner, Saturday morning pancake breakfast, games, fun and new friends! Visit our website for registration form and to learn more about us. KRR is proud to be a state affiliate of Wing'D Rider.

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May 31 – June 1, 2024

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April Fools Day

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Solar Eclipse

Just Burgers
Paducah

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Habanero Mexican
Grill- Draffenville

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Earth Day

Sirloin Stockade
Murray

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