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Chapter



From the Chapter Director



We have had cool and wet weekends lately and haven't got to do much riding but I have faith that's going to change soon. I've got some rides in my head and we just need to get some good weekends to do some riding.

Chapter G is coming to KY Dam Village camp ground Wednesday and then coming to visit us Thursday night and do some more riding Friday.

Remember if you see a Wing or any Bike or trike invite them to come to one of our meetings. Who knows that just might become your new best friend and riding buddy.

The KY Ride Inn in Henderson May 31st thru June 1st. Ch. K is hosting the Ride-In this year and there are several things to do and see in the area. I still have a room available if anyone needs one.

The KY Blast dates are August 15th, 16th & 17th in Danville. I've ask Steve to include the 2024 KY Ride-In 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



The Good, the Bad and the Ugly!

No, I'm not talking about the Clint Eastwood spaghetti western.

First the Good: Jennie and I traveled to the Texas Hill Country to watch the total solar eclipse with my brother and sister-in-law. Their house was dead center in the path of totality so we were set up for the perfect viewing. But clouds dominated the skies that day so while the event was Good, it wasn't great, like we saw in 2017 from the Silent K Farm. But they had never seen a total eclipse so they enjoyed it and that's partly why we went...to see their reaction to the "once in a life time" spectacle that Jennie and I have seen twice now.



The April 8 total eclipse thru the Texas clouds.

Now the Bad: The last couple of times I started the Wing I had a mouse jump out and run across the floor of my pole barn. "Dang varmint...", I said, or something like that. Last winter I found a mouse nest on top of the engine of Jennie's Miata. The nest was made of pink fiberglass insulation. That insulation is located in the loft above my shop. So the little devil carried that insulation from over my shop, down the wall, across the concrete floor and up inside the Miata. I cleaned it all out and then checked my mouse traps. Fresh peanut butter was added and I caught a couple of mice so, problem solved.

But now I have a mouse that has taken up residence in my bike! Of all the nerve! So after freshening up the traps, again, and placing 3 of them around my bike, I waited for the execution of the little beggar. Alas, the next morning, no traps were tripped.

I had recently purchased an endoscope that's pretty cool. I has a 16' cable attached to a color screen that will not only let you see what's in those tiny spaces but will take a picture and even a video, if you want

one. The business end of the cable has a tiny camera on the tip and a second one on the side with LED lights. How cool is that! So let's see if that mouse has built a nest in the bike. I poked the scope in every hole, crack and opening of every kind and felt relieved that there was no nest to be found. But I had recently watched a YouTube video of a guy using one to actually look inside the air intake and view his air filter. So, after re-watching the video and getting the exact angle to insert the camera, I worked my way in to the air intake and got this view of my air filter.



Pink fiberglass insulation! And it is densely packed on top of my filter.

And finally, The Ugly: That has to come out, which means either I disassemble the whole front end of the bike, which I did a couple of years ago to change the filter, or I take it to a Honda shop and hire a very expensive mechanic to do it. Both options appear Ugly to me. Which route I take will depend on what the cost estimates at various shops will be but I'm leaning towards biting the bullet and taking it to someone.

I hate the thought of either option but I have no choice. And I suspect it will take A Fist Full of Dollars.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

And the FUNNY!



(Jennie's contribution to this Newsletter)

Rider Education Report



Rider education is more than just learning and practicing tips and techniques on how to handle your motorcycle to keep yourself and your passenger safe. It is also about recognizing what we do as operators of two- and three-wheeled vehicles and how those actions affect others.

The primary goal when using our public highway system is to arrive alive at our destination. Interacting with other motor vehicles on the road requires us to work with strangers to travel safely and efficiently. To do this successfully, society has developed a set of rules on how we are to share our roads to keep traffic flowing smoothly and to reduce confusion that can contribute to collisions and other unfortunate events. These rules continue to evolve and change to accommodate recent technologies and human behaviors. And while these rules help, it is up to all of us to pay constant attention to new situations that can occur at any moment. We have learned to pay attention to other road users' body language as clues to what they may be intending to do next.

The bodies of drivers in cars and trucks are normally hidden from view, offering few clues as to what they are thinking or planning to do next. But the bodies of motorcyclists are very much in full view. Every physical action we make can be observed by other road users. This can be good or bad. To many uneducated drivers, certain actions common to motorcycling can be confusing. It is our responsibility to be aware that what we are doing could unintentionally cause an issue.

Here are some examples of actions which may cause confusion for other road users. While many of us use some sort of radio communication during our rides, we also use many hand signals to give others an understanding of what we want to do. Some gestures like a friendly wave to another motorcyclist could be misinterpreted when used in heavy traffic as though you are wanting a motorist to move to a new position on the road. Motorcycles have high compression engines and low gross weights, which allow us to slow the bikes and trikes very easily without using the brakes. But if we are not using the brakes, we are also not signaling that we are slowing our forward progress. An inattentive driver may realize extremely late what is happening and abruptly apply his brakes to prevent a collision. This may also cause him to become upset, even though it is his own mistake. A strong engine, low gross weight, and a small relative size also allow motorcycles to at least appear as if they are accelerating very quickly. This may cause some drivers to think we are racing and attempt to "join the fun." Riding a motorcycle is a physical activity and, especially on a two-wheeler, requires body movement to keep the machine going in the direction we want. Swerving to avoid any number of obstacles or road irregularities may catch the attention of other drivers due to the extreme movement of the bike or trike and our bodies while swerving. These rapid side-to-side changes can trigger anxiety from the unaware.

We all must do what is necessary of course to arrive alive at the end of our journey. But we all have a responsibility to each other not to cause distraction and keep our actions predictable and safe.

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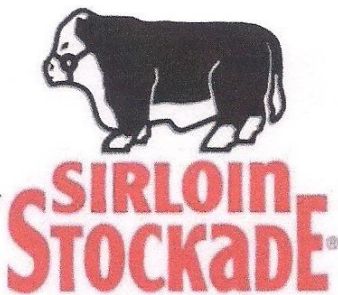
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