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From the Chapter Director



It's hard to believe it's September already but I will be honest I'll be happy to get rid of these 100 degree or higher temps and heat index's. But not really ready for the cold weather either.

We had a special guest join us for our Dinner Ride last Tuesday night, Bill Hamilton, Jack Riggs brother-in-law. Most of you knew him for riding with us over the years. Bill is moving to Gulf Shores to a Veterans Home where he can ride year round and have everything at his fingertips lol. Bill, we wish you the best and come back to see us.

Richard, Steve and Jennie, Rita and I went to the 2024 KY Blast this year and had a goodtime. Steve had just got home from a LONG SEVERAL DAY RIDE with His friend the day before. Rita did pretty good winning one of the 50/50 pots for \$94.00 and some other nice prizes at Wingo and other games.

It was a CLEAN weekend lol as it rained Friday during the day and again late Saturday afternoon, as we had a storm with HEAVY RAIN AND WIND. I was really surprised to see how many left out on the two ride groups Friday with it raining when they were leaving out. The State Staff did a great job putting on the rally.

Chapter Y will be hosting the 2025 KY Ride In next year at KY Lake with games, rides and other fun things. As always if you see or know of someone who rides, and it doesn't matter what they ride, invite them to join us.

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



We surprised Glenn Cope for his 60th year as a pastor service.

View From The Saddle



As you may remember, last month I told you about an upcoming ride with my friend from Cheyenne, WY, Steve Hodges, who was riding the 4 Corners Ride. I'm glad to report that I made it. Our schedule was modified along the way but stuck pretty close to what was laid out initially. He left his home in Cheyenne, WY and began the 4 Corners ride near San Diego, CA., corner number 1.

I met Steve in Conway, AR (354 miles), as planned, but he arrived the same day I did so we both spent the night there. That made our planned stop in Jackson, MS too short of a ride so we made reservations for the night in Saraland, AL, just north of Mobile. (523 miles) The next day we headed for Florida with my daughter's house in Port Orange being the destination. Steve was having an issue with his GPS that morning and we made a loop around a portion of Mobile 3 times before he found the proper exit!

We had been very fortunate to have missed a few rain clouds, thus far, but just 5 miles from our Interstate exit the skies opened up. Steve said his riding gear was fairly rain repellent so I decided I wasn't stopping to put on rain gear during a downpour less than 10 miles from my destination. So I got pretty damp but not soaked. (538 miles)

We spent the night at Becky's and then Steve left the house at 3:45am heading for Key West, FL, which would be corner number 2. This leg of the journey didn't even sound good to me and I felt like a day of R&R was warranted. Steve rode something like 840 miles and got back to Becky's at 11:45pm.

We left the next morning and headed for Anderson, SC, which would be our last full day together. Part of Steve's agenda, outside of riding the 4 Corners Ride and touching all of the lower 48 states, was to visit several Honor Tour sites in each state. These are various sizes and styles of monuments, etc dedicated to US Service men and women often located in small towns across America. One such site was in the vicinity of the Jacksonville Jaguars football stadium. Steve told me we would need to circle the stadium and, being the wise guy that I am, I asked him, "How many times?" He got a kick out of that.

As we proceeded north towards Anderson, SC we had numerous rainstorms in the area but we managed to miss all of them. I have a weather radar app that I can see on my bike via Carplay so I could see where these storms were. We made a strategic decision, at one point, to head farther east before we went north to Anderson which allowed us to bypass one especially ominous looking storm. We arrived in Anderson having ridden in no more than sprinkles. (517 miles)

The next morning found us loaded up and heading for Gatlinburg, TN where we would part ways. I rode home from there and arrived feeling like I had been "rode hard and put up wet" but glad that I had a chance to spend time with an old friend. (464 miles) My grand total miles for the trip was 2,396 miles in 5 days of riding. Steve would ride on to northern Maine, corner number 3 and end in Washington state, corner number 4.

As I was on my way home that final day, Jennie was taking the dog to the kennel because we left the following morning for the Blast. So I dumped out my dirty clothes, loaded clean clothes, got a night of rest at HOME and hit the road again. What a week...

Steve Knode



Dinner at the Blast. There was a 70's Hippie theme this year.



Steve and Steve on the road



Steve Hodges Honor Tour participant number on a dog tag he gave me.

Rider Education Report



Professional: As an adjective, 1. relating to or belonging to a profession. 2. engaged in a specified activity as one's main paid occupation rather than as a pastime. As a noun, 1. a person engaged or qualified in a profession. 2. a person engaged in a specified activity, especially a sport or branch of the performing arts, as a main paid occupation rather than as a pastime. The previous definition was taken from Dictionary.com.

A professional is a member of a profession or any person who works in a specified professional activity. The term also describes the standards of education and training that prepare members of the profession with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their specific role within that profession. A profession is a job at which someone works and for which they have had training. Medieval Europe recognized three professions: divinity, medicine, and law. These were called "learned professions". These statements are taken from indeed.com.

I would like to think that we as motorcyclists can be professional in our role as highway users. And being **SMART** about motorcycling will help us be just like that.

S – This stands for Study. Acting professionally while riding our motorcycle will not come naturally to everyone. Hobbies are often undertaken to expand our lives and broaden our horizons. Reading about the unique characteristics that make any hobby special will also help us grow and become more proficient riders. Subscribe to enthusiast publications and look for motorcycle related posts.

M – This stands for Maturity. And it does not necessarily mean old. Professional riders are mature individuals of any age. They know when to speak up and when to stay quiet. They study the situation before they act upon it. A mature rider knows when additional throttle is the right solution to a traffic situation and when braking or a change of lane is a better choice. Like the tale of the tortoise and the hare, patience and consistency can often prove to be the path to victory.

A - This stands for Attitude. Riding a motorcycle rarely goes as smoothly as planned. There always will be obstacles to overcome during our ride. Road surface change from use and from weather. Traffic patterns change with the time of day and the growth of the community. Natural hazards change with the seasons. We can choose to react and get angry, or we can be professional and plan to be ready to adjust the ride as necessary.

R - This stands for Respect. I believe you get what you give. Professionals will treat others the same way they want to be treated, and they earn respect for doing so. On the road, other motorists will observe our actions like keeping a proper following distance, signaling our lane and direction changes, and taking turns in traffic. They will see us as an equal and respect that we have the same rights they have to use the highway.

T - This stands for training. A true professional never stops trying to learn. They make every action a training session and review what they did the last time to learn to do it better the next time. They

enroll themselves in training opportunities, even if they have taken them in the past, to stay fresh and in touch with the latest information.

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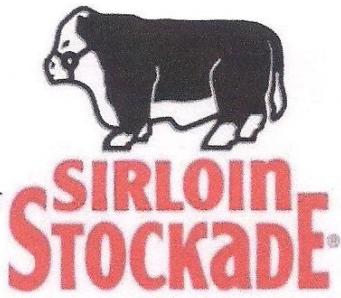
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