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Chapter



## From the Chapter Director



Well believe it or not it's almost Christmas, seems like yesterday it was July. We will be doing our annual Chapter Y Christmas Party Dec 14th at 6:00 PM at Four little Pigs and we will be playing dirty Santa like always so please bring a \$15.00 men or women's gift.

The Mayfield Christmas parade was last Saturday night and we had 4 trikes and a truck, I want to thank Bro Glen, Johnny, Jackie, Steve and Bobbi for joining me, it got a little cool but we had a good time.

They say we may get some snow flurries on Monday not really ready for the snow but a little later I have to admit I'd like one good 5-6 inch snow for a couple of days to play in then I'm done. Anyone making plans to go to the 2025 KY Operations Meeting with me the first part of February?

As always if you see or know of someone who rides and it doesn't matter what they ride invite them to join us.

Rita and I hope each and everyone of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

## View From The Saddle



What the heck! Another year gone? Remember when the "old folks" would say that as you get older the time goes faster and faster? It seems they knew what they were talking about. When we were kids time seemed to move so slowly, except for summer vacation. Those 3 months flew by. But that last week of school prior to summer break lasted, at least, a month. And a trip to Grandma's felt like it would never come. Of course, "Just wait until you Father gets home, mister." would happen in the blink of an eye.

If you have kids you went from car seats to 16 year old drivers to grandkid car seats before you realized how fast your life was passing by. I hope we all took the time to appreciate those years because once they are gone, they're gone.

But we really should be looking ahead, too. Let's look forward to 2025 and make it a year to remember, as well. It seems each year Jennie and I talk about taking a trip either to our old "stomping grounds" or to a new place we've not seen before. For some of you, maybe it's time for a new bike. Or maybe a new car. Or something less extravagant like a new helmet. That's on my list for this next riding season. I did some reading recently and there seems to be a clear consensus that you should replace your helmet every 5-6 years. There are discussions about being able to extend that time period if the helmet was worn very little but, in general, the smart thing to do is replace your lid before the Styrofoam padding begins to deteriorate.

This time of year, and early next year, is a great time to have work done to your bike. The shops aren't as busy as they will be in the spring. Are your tires showing their miles? Has your bike's brake and clutch fluids been changed according to the manual? Winter is a good time to pull your owners manual out, blow the dust off of it and see what maintenance should be done before next spring. You may be surprised to see that there are several items you've neglected to take care of.

By February cabin fever may be setting in so consider attending the State Operations Meeting. This is an informal get together with our friends from across the State where you can learn a lot about the organization and the plans for the upcoming year.

We will be hosting the State Ride In this year and there's a lot to get done between now and then. As a small Chapter, each of us will need to contribute to make this event a success. With the State staff taking the lead and doing most of the heavy lifting, I'm sure we can have a good event and show off our end of the State and the great roads we have to offer.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, ate lots of turkey, noodles and pumpkin pie, slept thru a few football games and enjoyed family. Now you can start making that Christmas list for Santa.

Steve Knode  
Newsletter Editor



Jennie Knode



## Rider Education Report



Here we are at the end of another year. This is when I like to look back on the last eleven months and review my achievements. This year Kim and I have finished our long running project to replace the various flooring materials on the first floor of our home with real oak flooring. Although it took a lot of planning and hard work, the results are very satisfying. It was a project that required the use of many skills I learned in high school shop class. And thinking more about that, I realize that many of the lessons I learned in shop class can translate to other aspects of life, like problem-solving, attention to detail, caring for your tools, the value of following instructions and understanding the importance of safety and responsibility when working with tools, the ability to adapt and improvise, and the satisfaction of a job well done.

### Practical problem-solving:

In the shop, one learns how to troubleshoot issues to find solutions that arise during projects, like a piece of wood not fitting correctly. Out on the road, this same skillset will help you find solutions to a GPS “recalculation” or a mechanical issue with your ride.

### Attention to detail:

In the shop, precise measurements and careful execution are crucial for a successful project. Out on the road, this means identifying any hazards like nails or potholes and maneuvering your bike to avoid them.

### Caring for your tools:

In the shop, keeping tools sharpened and properly adjusted allows for safe working and consistent results, without having to force the tool through the material. On the road, a properly maintained vehicle allows for safe and consistent handling without having to worry about how the machine will perform in an emergency.

### Following instructions and safety guidelines:

In the shop, adhering to safety guidelines and proper tool usage reinforces the importance of following directions and respecting rules. Out on the road, understanding the importance of prioritizing safety in the equipment you wear, the actions you take, and observing the traffic rules, will help to keep you alive.

Adaptability and improvisation:

In the shop, sometimes project designs require adjustments or creative solutions when things do not go exactly as planned. Out on the road, you may need to change your route or alter the timing of your rest stops due to any number of unforeseen or unanticipated events like traffic delays and severe weather.

Satisfaction of a job well done:

In the shop, making something tangible from scratch, like a piece of furniture or a small structure, cultivates a sense of accomplishment and pride in one's work. Out on the road, navigating a challenging set of twisties or completing a many-hundred-mile, multi-turn day can yield those same feelings.

I hope this month you can make some time to look back on your year and admire the things you have accomplished.

Richard Artmayer

KY State Educator

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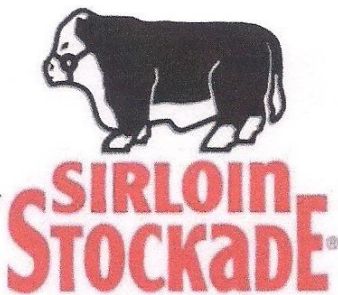
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Chapter Gathering  
Majestic Restaurant

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Send Dan ending bike  
mileage

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Sirloin Stockade  
Murry

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Christmas Party  
4 Pigs - 6:00

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Pizza Inn  
Paducah

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Merry  
Christmas!

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New Year's Eve

2024