



# WING'D RIDER

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## From the Chapter Director



Well Rita and I hope everyone had a great Christmas, spoiling kids and grandkids.

We will be doing our annual Snowman ride again this year on Wednesday leaving the Blue Building with staging at 10:45 and kickstands up at 11:00. We will be taking backroads to Sirloin Stockade for lunch and they said they would be serving all the New Year's Day dishes on the buffet. There will be several driving cars and following the bikes and trikes so everyone please make plans to join us.

We need to start planning a CPR/FIRST AID CLASS in the coming months before it gets warm and we want to start riding. Remember taking the class could very well take care of a loved one or friend and, face it, we aren't getting any younger and the odds are getting greater that we might need this training!!

Anyone making plans to go to the 2025 KY Operations Meeting with Steve, Jennie and I the first part of February? We will be going up to Burlington on Friday and after the meeting Saturday returning home.

We hope each and every one of You have a Happy New Year.

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

## View From The Saddle



Happy New Year! Jennie and I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and you're looking forward to 2025. Might was well, it's coming anyway.

It was a pretty uneventful Christmas at the Silent K Farm this year. No kids or grandkids here and we didn't go anywhere. We did make a quick trip to Atlanta to check on my sister who's in an assisted living facility. We returned home on Christmas Eve. We hadn't seen her in over a year and since Jennie had a doctor's appointment in Nashville, we thought we might as well continue on to Atlanta, spend the night and visit Kathy.

We did have our youngest daughter's husband and 2 boys here for the youth deer season on the last weekend of December. It's always good to see them but, unfortunately, Becky couldn't come along. That darn work thing got in the way this time.

I have an appointment to get the Wing in to FDR to change the brake and clutch fluids on December 31. You can change this to "had an appointment" if you read this in January. Either way it was time to "git 'er dun" and the forecast looks like a cool, rainy ride but we'll see what actually happens. But I'm going to make that appointment to close out 2024.

While hiking one frosty morning a week or two ago I came across this "ice flower", or as Glenn called it when he saw the picture at a Dinner Ride, "rabbit ice", I think it was, so I thought I'd share the picture with you all.



I saw several of them as I hiked around but this was the best one.

Again, Happy New Year and we'll look forward to seeing everyone in 2025.

Steve Knode  
Newsletter Editor

# Rider Education Report



Happy New Year everyone. After reviewing and reflecting on what I have learned during the past year, now is when I start to plan for the things I would like to learn in the coming year. I found the results of a survey of women riders and thought it would be good to share.

Women who ride are happier, more confident, and sexier, according to a survey commissioned by Harley Davidson. Now, I am usually skeptical of a survey commissioned by a party with a vested interest in the results, particularly when the survey confirms the results sought by the entity that requested the survey. However, in this case, I believe that we as experienced riders would find the results of any complex task typically leads to a feeling of confidence and pride in that skill. I think that those of us who frequently take Advanced Rider Courses, and are always striving to improve our riding skills, have an even greater sense of confidence and pride. So, given that feeling of pride and confidence, it seems logical that anyone who learns this skill, and particularly those who continually seek to improve, would have an enhanced overall sense of self-worth, confidence, and pride. How that impacts other aspects of someone's life would vary by the individual, but a general improvement in outlook and well-being is logical.

While this survey looks only at women who ride their own bike, I think there are several aspects of this line of thought that would extend to a co-rider. Most of us have experienced, or at least understand, just how significant an impact an untrained co-rider can have on the safe operation of any motorcycle. Instability at low speeds can become severe if the co-rider is not stable. Cornering at any speed can be made more complex by a co-rider in the wrong position, or by one moving around during cornering. Needless to mention, screaming and pounding on the rider is not helpful, either. The skilled co-rider, on the other hand, is an asset. Not only does their proper riding technique enhance the stability of the bike, a co-rider assisting with navigation, observation, and communications can reduce the task load of the rider. It seems logical that the confidence and pride of the skilled solo rider could easily extend to the skilled co-rider.

As you look forward to a new year of riding to new places, decide now to make learning to ride better one of the destinations. Register to take a rider or co-rider education course. Knowledge is power. The skills and experience you learn in these controlled situation classes will give you a good base from which you can draw when similar circumstances occur on the street. Consider also getting involved in the Levels program. This is a great way to show your pride and confidence to others

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