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From the Chapter Director



Well, we hope everyone is enjoying this warm spell. Sure wish it would stay!

Don't forget that Chapter Y is hosting the 2025 KY Ride In this year at Kentucky Lake along with the State Team. We will have rides, games and food on Friday and Saturday so PLEASE KEEP JUNE 6TH & 7TH OPEN!!! There are camping spaces and also Hotel rooms at the KY Dam Village if you'd like to stay. I will have more each month on the events and work schedule for Ch. Y.

I plan to talk to Leah about scheduling a CPR Class last of February or 1st of March 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 have any questions about the Operations of the KY Road Riders please let me know as Steve and Jennie and I will be going up Friday to the 2025 Operations meeting.

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
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View From The Saddle



Who do you have your bike insurance with? Currently, I have Progressive. Every so often I shop around to make sure I'm getting the best deal on my insurance. After all, I'm not married to 'em.

Progressive gave me a decent quote a few years ago and, unlike most insurance companies, hasn't raised their premiums. I've never had a claim to file on any bike I've owned (knock on wood) so I don't know if I'd have any issues with Progressive if I did, and I hope not to find out. But so far, so good.

I recently received my vehicle insurance bill for the next 6 months and they (I won't say who) went up again. Every 6 months I get their bill and each time it's gone up in price. So, this time I started calling around and found Progressive was MUCH cheaper for the same coverage. But here was the

catch: if I drop my vehicle insurance from where my house/farm insurance is handled, my house/farm insurance would go up 20%. So that potential increase added to my Progressive vehicle quote makes the two companies about the same cost. Step 2: see if Progressive can insure the house/farm. Answer: no, due to the fact that I rent out my farm ground. So, I'm stuck for a while.

I recently got another factory recall notice on my 2018 Wing. I had one earlier for the fuel pump and had that taken care of. Now it's a "primary drive gear bolt". The current bolt on CERTAIN 2018+ Goldwings can shear off and the engine will stop. Some say it can lock up the engine or transmission but most say it will just stop running. You'll probably just have to pull to the side of the road and have it hauled somewhere. But if that happens the damage is extensive. No thanks.

So I made a trip to Midsouth Motoplex in Clarksville, TN, visited with one of the service guys there and they ordered the part and will have it in about a week. They are about the same distance from the Silent K Farm as Paducah so thought I'd give them a try. Our "old reliable" Honda dealership, FDR in Paducah, is no longer a Honda service center so a new dealership was needed. After the part is in we'll make an appointment and Jennie will follow me there and bring me back the next day and I'll drive my Wing home with a new "primary drive gear bolt". This is a pretty big repair and I'm hoping these guys do a good job. (Update: the work is done and working fine.)

One thing I failed to mention last month was Chapter Y's 2025 Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year. You'll have to keep reading to find out who they are. Another award given by the Chapter each year is the High Mileage Award. Dan wins this every year, and rightly so. His work with the Patriot Guard and being our Ride Coordinator requires him to put on lots of miles on his Wing. **HOWEVER**, lightning struck this year and yours truly won the award...just barely but I did edge Dan out. Probably won't happen again.

I read once that guys complain about the miles on their cars but brag about the miles on their bikes. I guess that's true.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor



2025 Chapter Y Couple of the Year
Rita and Dan Bondurant



2025 Chapter Y Individual of the Year
Mae Cope

Rider Education Report



I hope everyone is doing well so far this year. Each new year brings change, and this year is no exception. By the time this article is published, the next President will be sworn into office, very likely bringing change to government. A new season of your favorite show is just around the corner, with changes in character development and plot lines. Professional sports teams that have been eliminated from post season schedules are busy changing coaching staff. This list could go on and on.

I am not trying to suggest that change is good or bad, rather, it is something we have that will not go away, and so it is something for which we should plan. For example, the powers that be at Microsoft have decided that the Windows 10 operating system is too old to continue to be supported, and because the computer hardware I own is not capable of supporting the new Windows 11, I have had to make a change in my life. Setting up a new computer always brings with it unique challenges for each situation. But proper planning, like checking on-line tutorials and asking questions of people who know, can make the change far less dramatic because you can learn from others' experiences and the choices they made in similar circumstances. In my case, I have a brother that before he retired was the head of his computer department in a major oil company. Based on my needs he knew exactly what hardware I should purchase. One of my children services the application software for large machine tools used by very large companies that make things. He knew exactly how to adapt my old applications into my new machine.

Our hobby of motorcycling reminds me of this "new computer" process. At the end of each year, we have our bikes serviced by someone we trust and then wait until the new riding season comes around. Hopefully the technician looked over the complete motorcycle and looked for changes - worn or damaged items beyond just regular service. And hopefully if anything was found, the parts are ordered, and the appointment is scheduled to get everything right before it is time to ride again. So, now the hardware is covered, but what about the application software? No, not on the motorcycle (many of us still have machines too old for that to be an issue). I am talking about our minds and our bodies. The bike is the tool; we apply technique to make it work. Do we have all our "files" in order for the coming year of riding? Are we ready for any new challenges we might face? I work to keep my "applications" up to date with annual visits to my various doctors, and I try to do cardio and strength training all year long. As a necessity to write these articles, I make time to check various motorcycling websites that offer advice on riding techniques. I continue to expose myself to information about motorcycling that may be useful. And I am sure to take an on-bike class at least once every three years to have someone else confirm my skills have not deteriorated without my realizing it.

Every computer, cellular phone, GPS, etc., needs constant updates to their application software. These updates are more than just a way to get

aggravated because you cannot use the device during the update process. These updates are needed to keep the device current with the latest information and ready to work regardless of the tasks you need them to perform. Many updates are automatic, but some applications do not let us know they need to be updated until we use them. When was the last time you started your own “rider app”? Does it need an update?

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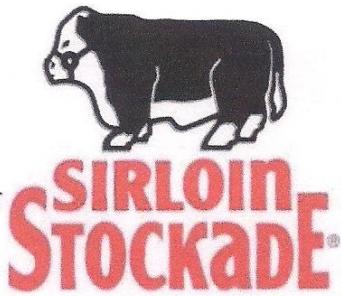
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