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Chapter



## From the Chapter Director



Can you believe it's June already? Well June does mean it's time for the 2025 KY Ride In and it's in our backyard this year. This coming weekend the 5th, 6th & 7th at KY Lake and the Lakeland Event Center. The address for the event Center is 4900 HWY 62 Calvert City, it's on the northwest corner at the red light.

Chapter Y is helping to host the event this year along with the KY Road Riders Staff. We will help with games and registration also **PLEASE BRING YOUR YARD CHAIRS THURSDAY NIGHT TO THE COOKOUT.**

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



When we lived in the Panhandle of Nebraska most of the roads ran from town to town and if you got off those main roads they were gravel or dirt. So that didn't allow for a Goldwing rider to explore the back country of the Nebraska Panhandle. We had some nice areas to ride but the roads were pretty straight and not challenging, unless you call dodging antelope challenging, but there was some beautiful country to ride in, especially in the NW corner of the State. And, unlike here, I could plan a Chapter ride a month ahead of time and feel fairly certain it wasn't going to rain. Our annual precipitation in Scottsbluff, NE was 15" so rain wasn't much to worry about.

Here, on the other hand, there are a myriad of paved roads going to some of the most remote places in the southwest part of the State. Some are so narrow that two cars have to be very careful passing each other but they are paved. I've call some, "You can't get there from here." roads.

When we moved to Kentucky the first thing I did with the bike was put HOME in my GPS. So if I got lost I could hit HOME and at least know that I was heading back to the barn. Since the back country roads here don't run N/S, E/W on section lines you can lose your bearings if you're out enjoying the twists and turns and seeing the sights so being able to have the GPS tell me "turn left in 2 miles" was comforting.

The Ride In is coming up quickly and we're looking forward to showing others our part of the State. We'll have guided rides and I plan to lead one ride in my "neck of the woods". I say that because we live about an hour northeast of Mayfield, where most Chapter rides begin and end. Since the Ride In will be held around the Lakes, northeast of Mayfield, I'll offer a ride going from the Lakeland Event Center in Calvert City heading east to Eddyville and on to Dawson Springs. From there we'll turn south and then east to my favorite area to ride. We'll probably make a quick stop in Crofton before looping back to Dawson Springs for lunch at a very good Mexican restaurant. Then we'll head back to Calvert City.

This will be Chapter Y's first time hosting the Ride In but certainly not a first for the State folks so I'm sure, with their help and guidance, we'll have a good time riding the Purchase Area of Kentucky.

Steve Knode  
Newsletter Editor



Chapter Y Couple of the Year, Rita and Dan Bondurant accept the COY mascot from Chapter A Couple of the Year, Alice and Neal Scifres at our May monthly meeting.



## Rider Education Report



With the return of favorable weather, most of us have gotten back to riding. Many of us like to ride in groups, enjoying the hobby we love with others of like mind. Group motorcycle riding is a philosophy that emphasizes a blend of safety, communication, and camaraderie while simultaneously requiring riders to be aware of their surroundings, to maintain proper spacing, and to communicate effectively. It is about riding as a team, where everyone relies on and respects each other to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Here are some important points of group motorcycle riding philosophy:

**Safety:** proper spacing, staggered formations, and awareness of road conditions.

**Communication:** hand signals and CB/Bluetooth communication to alert other riders about changes in speed, direction, or potential hazards.

**Responsibility:** realizing that each rider is responsible for their own safety and the safety of the others in the group.

**Respect:** acknowledging and collaborating with the leader, the group, and other road users.

**Having fun:** emphasizing the shared experience and camaraderie of riding together, while maintaining safety and respect.

Group riding is an active, constantly changing, and dynamic event. Conditions on the road are always in flux due to traffic, road conditions, actions from other users, and natural occurrences such as weather and animal activity. This requires a foundation of trust among the participants in the ride. Group riding does not excuse the rider from sound judgement or safe practices. Each rider is responsible for his own decisions, regardless of the group dynamic.

There are several ways each rider can provide the respect and consideration he expects from the others in the group. It is important to maintain lane position especially in tight turns and in traffic. Riders on the inside of a right-hand turn should try their best to stay on the right side of the road, especially when turning from a stop, as at an intersection. At stop signs and traffic lights, the group should collapse together, with each rider moving up next to the person ahead. Proper lane position will normally allow enough room for a bike and a trike to stop next to each other. Close formation at a stop allows the group to get through the intersection in less time, reducing the exposure of all the riders to cross traffic and left turning vehicles.

Remember that your actions have consequences. Every time you brake (for an obstacle or entering a turn), accelerate, or decelerate, you immediately affect ALL of the riders behind you. Any sudden action you make will require a sudden reaction from ALL of the other riders. Always do your best and signal your intentions well ahead to avoid causing panic among those riders who are following you.

Be aware of the differences in the vehicles in your group. Generally, if a vehicle participating in the group ride has less than three wheels, that vehicle will have a great deal of difficulty staying upright without rider input. And the slower that vehicle is moving, the more rider input is required. Group rides these days usually consist of more multi-wheeled vehicles than two-wheeled motorcycles. Many of the operators of these multi-wheeled vehicles were skilled riders of two wheels. Maybe this describes you. Do you remember riding on two wheels and the effort it took to keep the bike balanced and smooth during slow speed operation?

We all know we should ride our own ride, and we are responsible for our own actions. But this does not mean that you can do what you want without regard to the effects on other road users. We all have responsibility to each other when we interact on the highway, regardless of the setting. Using the highway is a privilege, not a right. Be respectful and patient so we all get along and arrive alive.

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KY State Educator

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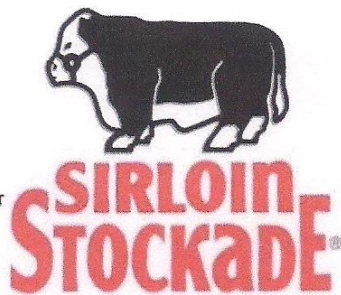
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Burger Barn  
Aurora, on the lake

**17**  
4 Little Pigs  
Benton

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Just Burgers  
Paducah behind the  
Mall

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Ride In  
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and meeting

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