



## Chapter KY-Y Mayfield, KY

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First Thursday of the Month

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## From the Chapter Director



Hello can you believe this heat, I hope everyone has been staying hydrated and being careful when outside. Can you believe August is here already, you know what will be here before you know it.

Well a few of us rode to Giant City (in cars due to the heat) a few weeks ago and of course we also went to the Chocolate Factory and had some ice cream. Maybe we can get a few more rides in when ever it cools down.

August 14th we will leave early that morning heading to General Butler State Park for the 2025 Kentucky Blast and it's still not too late to sign up and go with us. Not a lot going on due to the heat so I'm going to get off here and hope to see You at our Meeting on Thursday night.

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



Since this is a Newsletter about a motorcycle chapter and this column is about riding motorcycles, I need to say, "Ride safely. Deer are still moving, especially early and late and watch out for heat related issues." That's that.

Now then, Jennie and I took a long overdue trip in the car to Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming recently. Many of the people and places we saw we hadn't seen in nearly 10 years. We were gone a total of 12 days. The only way we could have done this was thanks to Jennie's good friends, affectionately know as her "Chicken Wranglers". They also took care of the cats so we owe them a big Thank You for taking care of the critters while we were gone.

Our first night was spent in North Platte, NE. From there we went to our old hometown of Scottsbluff, NE. We stayed 2 nights with some friends and I had a chance to see many of the properties I worked on with Platte River Basin Environments and Ducks Unlimited. I was employed by both organizations after I retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It was great to see how the projects I had worked on and some that I initiated had developed.

From there we went to Spearfish, SD and spent 3 nights with some friends that were once in our old Nebraska Chapter W. We had all planned to attend the WingD'Rider rally in Rapid City, but, as you all know, that was cancelled. However, this group decided to stick with the plan to go to the Blackhills and one of the members has a large house in Spearfish so we all stayed there. We had a great time visiting and reminiscing.

Our next 2 nights were spent near Custer, SD with a guy I worked with when we were with Fish and Wildlife Service and his wife, who we have know for 18+ years. We toured a small part of the Blackhills, enjoyed good food and conversation and spent one evening with another FWS friend and his wife. It had been 10 years since I'd seen any of these folks so we made the most of our time together.

Our daughter, Melissa and her husband, Fernando live in Mexico now but had returned to his home town of Bloomington, IL to check on his Mom and attend the annual fireworks show. So we left Custer, SD and drove to Cedar Rapids, IA for the night and then on to Bloomington the next morning. We spent 2 nights there and got caught up with or oldest daughter and her husband and said "hello" to his Mom and some of his brothers and sisters there in Illinois.

FINALLY it was time to point the car towards home. Twelve days is a long time to be gone and we were ready to sleep in our own bed. I had grass about 6" tall to mow and Jennie had to check on her chickens and cats so now we're back in to our routine.

We're very thankful for good friends and family and hope you all had a nice 4th of July. See you soon.

Steve Knode  
Newsletter Editor



Sunset near Spearfish, SD  
at our friend's house



Devil's Tower, WY in the distance



French Creek in Custer  
State Park, SD



Evening in the Blackhills near Custer, SD



Sculpture named "Dignity" at a rest stop near Chamberlain, SD  
(notice how small the people behind her look)



## Rider Education Report



Welcome to August and the arrival (finally) of the heat and humidity of summer. But the heat of the daytime is nothing like the heat in your exhaust system. Combine that with the humidity in the air, the byproducts of combustion which are basically anhydrous acids, and the fact that a motorcycle exhaust system is unprotected metal on the inside, and you have a recipe for rust and corrosion. Our exhaust systems are very well made, but after many years even the best exhaust systems will start to show the effects of aging.

The first place to check is any clamp or fastener. These places tend to catch and keep the road grime which also holds the acid rain that can eat pits into the pipes, even into the chrome plating. Next, check around the welds. By their very nature, the welds are subject to early failure due to the energy put into them during the welding process. This makes the metal in the welded area more prone to the effects of oxidation. And the third place to check is any sharp angle in the formed metal fittings and tubing of the exhaust system. Sharp angles tend to act as stress risers, where any force on the metal, be it expansion and contraction from thermal changes, or flexing from vibration from the engine or roadway, tend to be focused and lead to cracking. These cracks again tend to attract dirt and moisture.

If your bike is new or in really fine condition without much rust on the exhaust system, then prevention is easy, mainly consisting of washing and periodic scrubbing followed by some aluminized paint around the welds. If you or the previous owner have been less than diligent in the care of the exhaust system, and you find some cracks, there is still hope. Several products on the market can extend the service life of your pipes. Some are high temperature epoxies. Others are mixes of high temperature polymers and metal dust, like Blue Magic® Quik Steel™. This product is applied on warm days above 80 degrees Fahrenheit and is applied directly to the damaged area. Liberal applications spread widely over the surrounding surface help to hold the area together. After four hours of initial curing, it is time to go for a ride to finish-cure the repair. The heat in the exhaust makes this product stronger.

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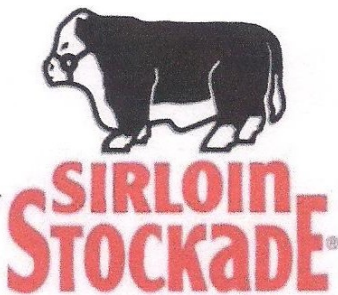
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