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From the Chapter Director



Hope you are enjoying the cooler weather while it last, I'm sure we will have more hot weather to come.

The 2025 Kentucky Blast is history and for those that went I think we all had a great time. I know Steve and Jennie did as they won the Blackstone grill!! There were some great rides and lots of fun at the Casino night. I was in charge of security and for \$2.00 I would arrest you and put you in shackles and you had to go around and beg for \$3.00 to get out of the shackles. We had a great dinner on Friday night and a bunch of us got together on Thursday night for Mexican and after closing on Saturday for pizza and fellowship.

The 2026 KY Blast will be back at General Butler State Park again next year so you should make plans to attend!

Hope to see you at the monthly meeting on the 4th.

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



I've been looking forward to September since about the 4th of July. I have a hard time tolerating the heat and humidity in Kentucky and it seemed especially bad this summer. We did have one cool week that was so refreshing that I felt like getting outside and getting some projects done but that was soon ended with a hot, wet blanket called the Dog Days of Summer.

But now it's September and while we will still have some hot days, they will be fewer and farther between as we approach fall.

Riding in the fall is so enjoyable. Or course, there are some hazards we all know about that pop up like deer that start moving more, fall leaves that can be a little slick, especially when wet and farm equipment on the roads as they harvest crops. But the crisp air and clear blue skies are fantastic. I may throw on a flannel shirt under my riding jacket that my wind up in my trunk before the ride is over but I'll take a 65 degree ride over an 85 degree ride any day.

Jennie and I enjoyed The Blast, again, this year but we thought the State crew out-did themselves this year with their Casino Night. It was really well done and everyone had, well, a Blast. Congratulations and thanks for all you did to make this a great event. And, as Dan mentioned, we did win the Blackstone griddle. We haven't tried it out yet but I did the seasoning process so it's ready for me to burn some stuff.

I'm hoping to make my annual ride to my brother's place in the Texas Hill Country this month. As most of you know, I try to make this 1,000 mile trip each fall to catch up with my brother and his wife and to have one last long bike ride for the year. I normally ride 500 miles to Texarkana, AR, spend the night and ride the next 500 miles arriving well before dark. After 4 days at my brother's I retrace my route and head for home.

I also have tentative plans to have some friends from Wyoming come out so we can ride around the Blue Ridge Parkway area spending a few nights in Cherokee, NC. That may or may not happen but I'll be talking to our riding buddy and his wife soon to see if that's still in the works. I made this ride by myself one fall a few years ago and, while I had fun, it wasn't the same doing it by myself. More later.

Jennie and I were watching American Ninja Warrior the other night and one contestant had recently lost his father to illness. The father had told his family that you can't control how long you live BUT you can control how WIDE you live. He encouraged his family to do things to make their lives wider because you can't do much to make them longer. Interesting thought.

So let's put some miles on these bikes before winter arrives and let's live WIDE.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



“It takes a village.” How many times have you heard this in your lifetime? How many times have you said it yourself? Commonly, this proverb emphasizes that it takes the collective support of community involvement in the development of a child to be happy, healthy, and well-adjusted. Uncommonly, I think this phrase can also be used in consideration of any personal or group development. This month let us explore and reflect on this idea to get a sense of its meaning.

The root of this idea is in the word community. From Dictionary.com we find the following information (edited for space considerations):

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/kə'myoo-nədē/

noun

- a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
- the people of a district or country considered collectively, especially in the context of social values and responsibilities.
- a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

From the Merriam-Webster we also get similar information: - a unified body of individuals: such as the people with common interests living in a particular area

- a body of persons of common and especially professional interests scattered through a larger society

And from the Cambridge Dictionary: - the people living in one particular area or people who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, social group, or nationality

I joined GWRRA KY Chapter G in 2009 because I was looking for a group of people with whom I could ride and learn about motorcycles and motorcycling. I had been to a few rallies, but to each one I went by myself, because I only wanted to take advantage of the demo rides the factories offered there. And I had never camped (not even once) until I joined Chapter G. I had no idea what to expect or what to bring or how to act.

In each instance above, I had no idea that what I would learn, that what was really going on in these activities was the very definition of community. People coming together for social interaction, discussion, and camaraderie. People always willing to offer assistance when it was needed, and willing to pool and share resources so no one was left at a disadvantage. Everyone taking their turn at a booth or task so that everyone could experience some fun or

relaxation during the event. Everyone willing to use their unique talent to add their one piece so the puzzle was completed without any one person doing all the work.

The KRR 2025 Blast has just been entered into the history books. For me, it was a great experience and a prime example of all three examples of community: camping, rally, and riding. The village this year seemed a little bit smaller, but the willingness of the people to share the work and the resources, to step up when others falter, was still alive. I look forward to the next rally, camping opportunity, and group ride so I can continue to help those in need, and know that if I am the one that needs the help, someone will step up, share their unique talent, and be there for me.

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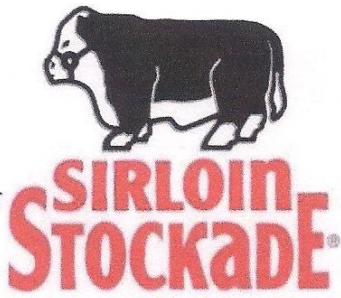
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