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From the Chapter Director



Fall is here and the days and nights are getting cooler and it won't be long till they are cold and dreary. But it does mean that Thanksgiving is just around the corner and deer season lol.

Please keep in mind that gun season for deer comes in the 2nd Saturday in November so they will be really traveling so be extra careful.

Rita and I went to Dry Ridge KY on the 16th for Ray Conrads Funeral on the 17th. Ray was the past Vendor Coordinator and great friends since 2002. He held the positions of Chapter Director, Assist District Director and District Director. Ray, Buddy McKenize and I for years were Assist or Directors for KY and other District positions. As Buddy said the three of us were like Brothers and Ray is certainly going to be missed. Please continue to pray for Kathy dealing with the loss of Ray.

Our Christmas Party will be Dec 6th this year as the 13th was already booked and per the email I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO ATTEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!! PLEASE EMAIL ME ASAP

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 was finally able to make my ride to my brother's near Leakey, TX in October after postponing the trip due to kitty cat trying to take my hand off earlier. I left home on the 12th and had a good ride to Atlanta, TX. I chose Atlanta, which is South of Texarkana where I usually stay, because I've been getting there too early and figured I could use the 30 minute difference to shorten the next day. It was about 50 degrees, as I recall, when I left home but it quickly warmed up reaching the mid-80's by the time I hit the Texas/Arkansas line. I arrived at my hotel at 4:30.

I stayed in a motel I probably wouldn't have picked if Jennie had been along but I just needed a bed, bath and a TV so it was ok. Dinner options were limited in Atlanta, especially on a Sunday night, so the Chinese buffet was all that was open within walking distance from the hotel. The food was very average but filling so I made my way back to the hotel, watched some TV and went to bed.

I have been taking a route that goes from Texarkana through Tyler, Waco, Lampasas, Kerrville and on in to Leakey for a couple of years now just to avoid the semi's and dense traffic. Googlemaps says this route is about an hour longer but I think it's worth it for better scenery and less drama around the Dallas/Ft Worth area. As it turned out, both days started at 7:30am and ended at 4:30pm.

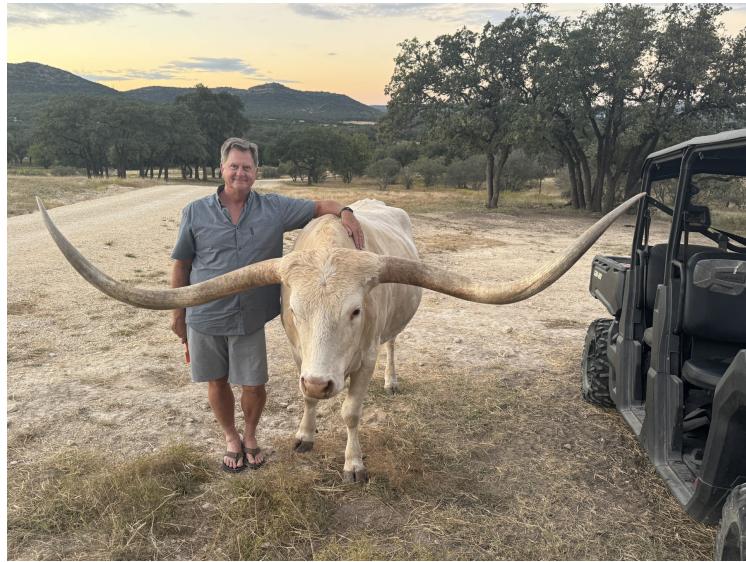
I did have one interesting moment when a State Trooper heading towards me on a 4 lane decided to go after a speeder that had passed me. He cut across my path causing me to switch lanes and add some brakes to give him room. I almost went after him to give him a piece of my mind but thought better of it.

My brother, Scott, and I didn't accomplish a lot on this trip but we were able to complete a couple of things on his 40 acre place that were easier with 2 people. But we had a great visit.



Matthew McConaughey is from Uvalde, TX so, of course, there's a huge sign there.

One day was spent taking Scott, and his wife, Janet's dog to the vet for some treatment and the following day we took Janet to San Antonio to make a flight to Tucson, AZ for an annual week with her girl friends. Scott and I didn't go but we weren't invited either...



Every time I write a story about my trip to Scott's I include a picture of Lefty.

I had planned on leaving Saturday the 18th but rain was in the forecast for Texarkana that day and at home the next day so I postponed my departure by a day following the rain instead of riding in it. A cold front had brought the rain in so after spending the night in Texarkana I left at 7:30am with 50 degrees outside. The temperature actually fell to 46 along the way before finally warming up to the mid-60's by the time I reached home at, believe it or not, 4:30.



Leakey, TX sunset
Scott Knode

I hope to make this trip next fall since it's become an annual event, God willing. This winter Jennie and I plan to drive to Scott and Janet's for a few days so the girls can spend some time together. It's always a good time there.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



Fuel Part 1

Rider education is more than just learning and practicing tips and techniques on how to handle your motorcycle to keep yourself and others safe. It is also about learning how to maintain your health and the health of your motorcycle. One of the many things that is required for good health is a fresh supply of fuel.

By definition, a fuel is:

- 1) A combustible matter used to maintain a fire to create heat or power
- 2) Something that gives nourishment
- 3) An energy source for engines, power plants, or reactors
- 4) Something that sustains or encourages

The riders and co-riders of motorcycles, most of whom are human, have varying tastes and needs when it comes to fuel to keep them healthy. But they all share one thing in common, the need for water. The adult human body is in fact up to 60% water. While not a fuel per se, water is consumed by the body and needs to be replenished on a regular basis. Fortunately, modern society provides a plethora of different sources of clean water for human consumption.

Most motorcycles produced today still use gasoline for fuel. Gasoline is a petroleum-derived product comprising a mixture of liquid aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons, ranging between C4 and C12 carbon atoms with the boiling range of 30–225°C. It is predominantly a mixture of paraffins, naphthene, aromatics and olefins. Originally gasoline was known as a byproduct of the production of kerosene and discarded by burning or dumping as waste. With the advent of the automobile, gasoline became valuable, and by 1911, more gasoline than kerosene was sold.

Today we have three main grades of gasoline typically available at retail fuel stations: regular, midgrade, and premium. The difference between the grades of gasoline is the octane rating. This rating is an indication of how well the fuel will resist spontaneous combustion inside the cylinder, also known as pre-ignition or engine knock. Some companies have different names for these grades of gasoline, like regular, unleaded, mid-grade, medium, super, premium, or super premium, but every grade will indicate the octane rating. The lowest octane rated gasoline is usually the least expensive, but that does not mean it is the best value. Vehicle manufacturers recommend the grade of gasoline for use in each model of

their vehicles. Using a lower rated fuel risks engine damage, while using a higher rated fuel usually does not provide any additional performance.

In addition to the grade of motor gasoline, the formulation of gasoline may differ, depending on the location where it is sold or the season of the year. Federal and state air pollution control programs that aim to reduce carbon monoxide, smog, and air toxins require oxygenated, reformulated, and low-volatility gasoline. Some areas of the country are required to use specially formulated gasoline to reduce certain emissions, and the formulation may change during winter and summer months. These area-specific requirements mean that gasoline is not the same everywhere. Gasoline produced for sale in one area of the United States might not be authorized for sale in another area.

The main difference between winter- and summer-grade gasoline is vapor pressure. Gasoline vapor pressure is important for an automobile engine to work properly. During winter months, vapor pressure must be high enough for the engine to start easily. In the summer, lower vapor pressure is required in many areas to reduce air pollution.

Gasoline evaporates more easily in warm weather, releasing more volatile organic compounds that contribute to health problems and to ground-level ozone and smog. To cut down on pollution, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires petroleum refiners to reduce the vapor pressure of gasoline during the summer.

Be sure to tune in next month for Fuel Part 2.

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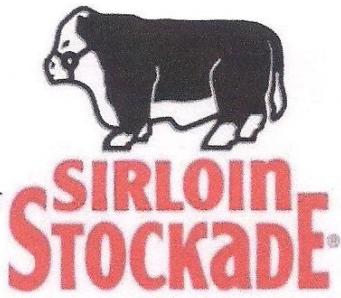
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