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Where We Meet: Majestic Family Restaurant
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Eat at 6:00 - Meet 7:00

First Thursday of the Month

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Chapter



From the Chapter Director



Merry Christmas a little early, can't believe it's December and nearly 2026. Seems like yesterday everyone was worried about Y2K and everything shutting down. By the time you read this we may have some sleet, ice and snow for Monday night into Tuesday morning. So be careful if you have to get out and about. Other than just cold nights, the weather looks ok till maybe Friday. Please keep everyone out traveling thru the Christmas season in your prayers, plus all the Children who won't get to have a Christmas this year.

The KY State Team will be hosting a Winter Warm Up the end of January in Burlington and it used to be the Opps Meeting. But we have turned it into a full weekend of games and meetings. Friday night will be a pizza party, Saturday will have some meetings about the upcoming year and then Saturday night with KY Olympics. First, team round up, then team dinner and games, a medal ceremony and closing ceremonies at 9:00 PM. Please let me know if your interested in attending. Some of us go every year.

Thanks to Johnny Myers and their Granddaughter for going and doing the Mayfield Christmas Parade in their truck in the RAIN this year, the rest of us wimped out.

I SENT OUT AN EMAIL ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT YOUR YEAR ENDING MILEAGE. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR ENDING MILEAGE EVEN IF IT'S NOT MUCH THIS YEAR. I RUN YEAR TO YEAR AND NEED THIS NO LATER THAN THURSDAY SO I CAN ANNOUNCE IT AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ALONG WITH THE COUPLE AND INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR.

As every December, I'm putting out there if anyone is interested in stepping up and taking the Chapter Directors Job I'd be happy to explain and pass the torch to you.

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



What's on your Christmas wish list? I have more things than I've earned, due to my marginal behavior, but none the less, I have a few things that would get me off to a good start in 2026.

A new helmet. I've been saying for over a year now that I should replace my helmet. It's 7 years old now and since the industry standard for replacement is 5 years, I think it's time. The plastics tend to become brittle and the foam linings start to deteriorate. Plus, there's some wear and tear on the outside of the liner that doesn't look so great. I started checking helmet sales and, for those modular helmets I might be interested in, I had a choice of a Small and a Triple Large. So I contacted Revzilla to see when they thought new models of helmets would be on the market and they said, "After the Government gets its head out of the fish bowl." Even Google said that new models are released at varying times so I'll just keep checking. I hate to buy one on line without being able to try it on because it seems helmets all feel different after it's on your noggin so I may have to wait until what I'm looking for is in the stores. There's a Cycle Gear store north of Nashville which is suppose to have tons of helmets so I may go see what they have. At least I should be able to try on several brands.

As any of you who have ridden with me knows, I've been fighting my Uclear Bluetooth headset since I got them in 2019. I finally bit the bullet yesterday and ordered the latest and greatest from JMC. It's the BT6, which, according to them, will do everything I need for my 2018 Goldwing. It was on sale for \$180 so I'm going to give it a shot... AFTER I get my new helmet.

Unfortunately, I also had to buy a new computer last week. My old computer won't let me move up to Windows 11 and the only solution was to buy a new machine. I bought one at Best Buy and had the good fortune of working with an older gentleman who spoke "old guy" so he was very helpful in guiding me to the right computer for my needs. We made an appointment with the Geek Squad for next Thursday and they will transfer everything from the old machine to the new one. But I'll be without a computer for 5 days. Good thing I have this smart phone. I'm skeptical that this whole transition will go without a hitch but realistic enough to expect something will fall thru the cracks. Wish me luck.

I think Jennie and my Christmas present to each other will be another trip to Mexico to our oldest daughter's place. It's been a few years since we've been there so we'll spend about a week with her and her husband in Mahahual, MX on the Yucatan peninsula some time this winter.

But the main thing I want for Christmas is for good health for Jennie, myself, our 2 girls and their families in 2026. And we wish the same for you and yours.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



Fuel Part 2

The energy of gasoline and ethanol is stored in the Carbon-Hydrogen bond.

Ethanol's chemical formula is C_2H_5OH

Gasoline's chemical formula is C_8H_{18}

Examining the chemical formula of the two fuels clearly shows that gasoline has more energy per molecule and is one reason our motorcycles get less mileage from a gallon of standard retail gasoline with 10% ethanol than from a gallon of pure gasoline. Another reason is because the ethanol is blended with a denaturant to make it undrinkable. This chemical does not add any energy to the fuel. The amount of denaturant can be up to 2% of the volume of ethanol added.

Most gasoline available at retail pumps in the USA contains about 10% ethanol by volume. In 2023, about 330 million barrels of ethanol were blended into the 3.26 billion barrels (more than 137 billion gallons) of gasoline that were consumed.

The blending of ethanol with gasoline occurs in the United States to meet the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act and the Renewable Fuel Standard established in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. There are three general categories of ethanol-gasoline blends: E10, E15, and E85. Most retail gasoline sold in the USA is E10, which contains up to 10% ethanol. E15 is gasoline blended with up to 15% ethanol. And likewise, E85 is gasoline blended with up to 85% ethanol. The ethanol content of the gasoline is usually indicated on the pump. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, all motor vehicle engines can use E10 gasoline. However, our motorcycles, lawn mowers, side-by-sides, etc., are all considered “small engine” designs and normally are not designed to operate with E10. The ethanol in the gasoline blend can dry out seals and gaskets. The chemical denaturant left behind after evaporation can clog small orifices in the fuel system. Always check your owner's manual for the recommended fuel for your vehicle. Currently, only designated flex-fuel vehicles built after 2001 can use E15 or E85 fuels.

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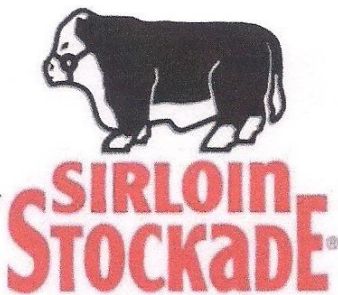
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Christmas Party
4 Little Pigs - Benton
6pm

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The Key
Murray

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Burger Barn
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First Day of Winter
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El Torrito
Paducah, exit 3

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Merry
Christmas!

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Culvers
Murray

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New Year's Eve

2025