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From the Chapter Director



On December 26th we got some sad news, the passing of Lanny Hays a former member of Chapter B and a Charter Member of Ch. Y! Lanny had suffered from major heart problems for years. Please keep Teresa and all the Family in your prayers! Lanny's Funeral will be this Friday Jan 2nd with visitation at 12:00 and the Service at 2:00 at Byrns Funeral Home in Mayfield.

As with every year we will be having the Snowman Ride on Jan. 1st. We will be staging at the Blue Building at 10:30 with KSU at 10:45. We will be going to MLC's in Paducah by way of either 2, 3 or 4 wheels. Several will drive and meet up at the Blue Building and load up in vehicles together and follow the bikes to the restaurant.

The KY State Team will be hosting the 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 games and 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.

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



Happy New Year! Sorry we missed the Christmas Party but Jennie and I both had our first case of Covid about then. We worked hard to not get it, especially when Covid first raised its ugly head in 2020, but I guess you can be lucky for only so long. Thank goodness that there's a vaccine now and the disease isn't as deadly as it was when we first learned about it. Staying current with our shots helped reduce the severity of it but we both needed a round of antibiotics and steroids to get to feeling better. I'm happy to say we've survived and feeling much better.

2026 will begin with Jennie going to Florida to watch our two youngest grandsons and play chauffeur while our daughter is working at the hospital. Being a surgeon, she's on call a lot and with the boy's busy schedules someone needs to be there to get them to school, hockey and baseball practice. Their Dad will come thru here heading to South Dakota to pheasant

with a buddy from Idaho and returning here to take down deer stands. I'll take care of the chickens and cats.

Our trip to Mexico to see our oldest daughter and her husband will be in March. That was when they suggested we come so we'll try to make that happen. It's been 3 years since we were there so it's time for another visit.

In between will be the Winter Warm Up at the end of January. It's way more than a business meeting. It's a fun get together with other Kentucky Road Riders from across the state. I encourage you to attend, if you can.

We also have some friends from Nebraska that we'd like to have come for a visit. I worked Bob when I was employed by Platte River Basin Environments after I retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. His wife, Terri and Jennie became good friends during our visit there last summer.

Also on our minds but not our calendar yet is a trip to Texas to see my brother and his wife. I made the trip last fall on the bike but we'll drive this time so Jennie can go. She's not too keen on 2,000 mile bike trips anymore. We'll take 2 days to get there, spend 4 days, or so, and 2 days back.

We'll get all of this accomplished before spring when things get a little busier here on the Silent K Farm. We look forward to seeing you all and I'll be riding the bike when I can.

We always look forward to the New Year and all that it has in store for us and 2026 is no different. So, here's to a wonderful New Year.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a nice Holiday season. I do a lot of thinking and planning from inside this time of year, due to the less than favorable weather for going and doing things outside. One of my normal goals is to not make the same mistake twice. I believe those who do not learn about the past are doomed to repeat it. So, I think about what I have done during this past year and apply what I have learned while making plans for this year.

I also like to learn about the things others have done, especially in areas of interest to me, such as motorcycling and vehicle maintenance. Examining the thought processes that others use to solve problems helps me to solve my own problems. And the internet is full of “influencers” and “bloggers” who are perfectly willing to share their experiences, both good and bad, for all to read and see. Even professional sites like LinkedIn have people willing to share stories that teach lessons. The following is one such story I find very inciteful.

A little bird was flying South for the Winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came and sh*t on him.

As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was beginning to thaw him out! He lay there all warm and happy and soon began to sing for joy.

A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung and promptly dug him out and ate him.

There are three things to take away from this story:

1. Not everyone who sh*ts on you is your enemy.
2. Not everyone who gets you out of sh*t is your friend.
3. And when you are in deep sh*t, you would be better served if you kept your mouth shut!

I am looking forward to another year filled with fun and discovery.

Richard Artmayer

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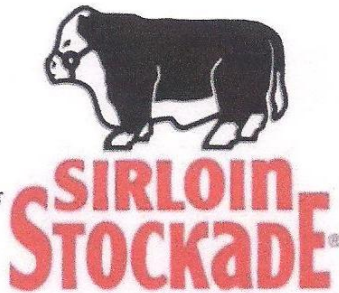
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