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From the Chapter Director



Well can you believe this weather, I like one good snow to play in a couple of days. But not this kind of low temps for days and days. Rita was sick so we didn't even get out to play any in the snow.

We have a police scanner and I lost count of the house fires due to people trying to heat their house or thaw their pipes. **EVERYONE PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND TELL YOUR KIDS TO ALSO.** They may be grown but it doesn't hurt to remind them.

Steve and I went to Burlington, KY for the Winter Warm Up this last weekend and had a great time. We had a pizza party and welcome with a live band on Friday night. Then Saturday morning the temps were MINUS 2 and we had meetings for Chapter Directors and Treasurers and other things. Steve did his annual Tech Talk session. Saturday night they had games and a dinner but Steve and I came on home Saturday night.

I won the Individual of the Year Mascot this weekend so it sounds like we will be having visitors for our Meeting Thursday night trying to claim it. Steve was lucky enough to win the middle 50/50 drawing and won \$45.

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 saying for a year or two that I need to replace my old HJC helmet. It's been a good helmet but it's, at least, 7 years old now and since you're really supposed to replace them after 5 years of use, I bit the bullet and bought a new HJC RPHA 91 helmet.

I checked locally for helmets and didn't find what I was wanting. I had it narrowed down to HJC, Bell and Sedici but couldn't even find one to try on except a similar HJC. And it wasn't the RPHA. I even tried to have one ordered from one local shop but after checking with their supplier they couldn't tell me when that helmet would be available.

I've never purchased a helmet on line but I checked with Revzilla and they had the HJC helmet I wanted in my size. Their return policy seemed reasonable so I gave it a try. Their helmet arrived about a week later and it fit right but I still wanted to wear it around the house. Their policy is that if you ride with it, even once, they consider it a "used" helmet. So, I left the stickers on, wore it around the house and decided it was perfect.

Next was the installation of my new Bluetooth headset. As any of you who have ridden with me over the last several years knows, I've been struggling with my UClear headset. The mics are a little bigger than a grain of rice and fit over the eyebrows. I had trouble talking to people on the phone or having Siri understand what I needed, not to mention my CB issues. The CB issue may be in the CB, but we'll see how that goes with this new headset. So, what did I buy? I've bought the new JMC BT6. JMC claims it's designed to do everything on a Goldwing that needs to be done.

It took me a while to figure out how I was going to attach the headset since this HJC helmet has a place already set up for the headset they intend for you to use, Sena, I believe. And if you have a different headset they have a cover to fill the space where their headset is intended to go. However, that cover isn't flat and I wasn't comfortable trying to attach my JMC headset to this cover without a flat surface. So JMC had a solution in the box, a clamp on base. I had to place the headset farther back on the helmet than I'm used to but I'll get used to it. And it has a boom mic so I'm hoping that will solve my transmission issues.

Seeing the weather forecast for snow, I moved the bike from the cold storage area of my pole barn to my heated shop so I wouldn't have to fight the cold. From there I paired the headset to the bike, listen to the bike's radio, turned the squelch down on the CB to produce static that came across loud and clear so I knew it was working and made sure my navigation system was working with the headset. Cool! Everything worked. I just haven't had a chance to transmit on the CB or make a phone call but I'm confident I'll be transmitting just fine. Whether the CB works correctly could be another story but if it doesn't, it's the CB's fault.

I really like my Brake Free helmet brake light that many of you have seen on my old helmet so, since my new helmet is white, I ordered a new one that's white. The new light arrived while I was at the Winter Warm Up but I have it attached now and ready to roll. One thing that I couldn't transfer over to the new helmet was the add on Super Visor that did a great job blocking the sun off my face, especially late in the day. I haven't found anything else like it to try so I guess I'll live without it.



This setup should last me for many years. I like the looks of the helmet and I believe the JMC Bluetooth headset will work well, too. So, how old is YOUR helmet?

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



My day job requires me to follow a project from its inception until its delivery to the customer. As a direct result, the customer becomes accustomed to contacting me with all of their questions about the product we are providing for their application. They will often then contact me during the installation, especially if things are not going smoothly as they commission the product. Many times, the roadblock the customer experiences is a result of their failure to plan their side of the project properly. Fortunately for me, we have an After-Sales department, and I can hand the customer off to them.

The best riding I have ever experienced has been the direct result of good planning. Benjamin Franklin has been credited with being the first person to suggest “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail”. You can search the internet to confirm that many people have an opinion about this idea, but it seems to me that the concept is clear. I accept this idea as a rule in life, and I work hard to live by it. Lest you think this is untrue, just ask my wife.

As motorsport enthusiasts, we can all benefit from good planning. And I do not mean only when we are working on the details of some big tour from a bucket list. We can, and should, plan our everyday riding. Of course, there is no way to know every scenario we will encounter before our ride begins, but there is plenty we can do to plan and do the best we can for a successful and safe experience.

Our environment is constantly changing. Modern day forecasting is relatively consistent and, at least in my experience, provides enough accuracy to allow me to plan what equipment I need to wear and what additional accessories I will pack just in case. I find it especially important to look at the average weather scenarios for a given region. Knowing the average temperatures and precipitation helps in planning your equipment. Being comfortable is important for more than just your mood; it is important for safety, because if you are not thinking about staying warm or staying dry, you can concentrate better on the traffic conditions around you.

Traffic conditions are also constantly changing, but weekday traffic tends to present a predictable pattern and allows one to plan around it. Knowing where the usual bottlenecks occur allows us to plan a different and safer route. And listening to a local radio station that offers traffic reports will aid in choosing one of your planned alternate routes at the appropriate moment.

Maintenance of our transportation is always important for the best experience. Most every vehicle sold in the last century has been given a recommended service interval for various items to keep the vehicle trouble-free. It is important to know the number of miles and/or the duration of the trip to plan for proper maintenance. Longer trips require proper calculations

to ascertain if maintenance procedures should be performed before or planned to be performed during the adventure.

Personal maintenance may be the most important planning you can make. Maintaining a proper diet is one way to plan for when the only food available is farther away than you thought and not as nutritious as you might otherwise need. A medically approved exercise program is one way to plan for a longer day than expected due to a traffic delay, or a more physical ride than expected due to strong weather. And participating in the occasional, at least annual, “on-bike” training is planning for the inevitable sudden traffic events that require the “muscle memory” such training provides.

I am my best customer when it comes to making a fun route for riding. Unfortunately, I do not have an “After-Ride-Planning” department to solve any issues I may encounter. While it is true that what doesn’t kill us makes us stronger, I like to avoid any uncomfortable drama on my trips by planning for as many scenarios as possible, so I have options for which I am equipped. I accept that I may experience failure in my plan, but I cannot accept failure because I did not make a plan.

Richard Artmayer

KY State Educator

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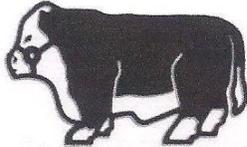
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