



## Chapter KY-Y Mayfield, KY

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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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## From the Chapter Director



Hello everyone, hope all are doing well. We have had several good days, especially for February. I hope you found a little time to get out and ride a few miles. Between Patriot Guard and a Burger Ride I got in 600 miles last week in three days.

We had visitors last month at our meeting Rick the State Director, John the State Pins and Patches Coordinator, Jim and Kay the State Couple of the Year and the State Couple of the Year Coordinators along with the Ch. K Individual of the Year after Beavis the Beaver Mascot. I know I'm forgetting someone lol, I'm getting old and I apologize!

Well, I almost washed my truck yesterday and just didn't get to it. I'm really glad because when I came out to go to Church this morning my truck and Rita's Explorer were covered in bird poop, I MEAN COVERED!! The black birds are going crazy as we don't park under trees so they had to just be in the yard looking for food.

Dan and Rita  
Chapter Y C/D's  
KY Assistant State Director



Chapter Y Individual of the Year Dan Bondurant presenting mascot to Chapter K Individual of the Year Debi Michel



Nice crowd for the February get together thanks to Chapter K and State Officials.

## View From The Saddle



Winter. This is a tough time to be a motorcycle rider, even though we can find a day here and there to ride in Kentucky. That's one advantage of living in the south. In Nebraska, living in the Wildcat Hills south of Scottsbluff, I'd park the bike around Veteran's Day with a full tank of treated fuel and plug in the Battery Tender and let her sleep until the snow was off the roads and the weather was warmer. Sometimes that would be mid-March. In the meantime, I'd add some "safety chrome" or something I felt the bike needed. But I wouldn't start it because doing so only added moisture to the exhaust system, etc. If you can't get it out and ride it enough to really heat it up, you're doing more harm than good.

Even living in Kentucky, I treat my gas after a ride in the winter since I never know how long it will be before I get the bike out again. I used to use Stabil as a gas treatment but after watching a convincing YouTube video, I've switched to Ethanol Shield. The demonstration showed how Ethanol Shield actually broke down the water in the test tube which would then burned when run through the engine. Stabil adds a layer on top of the gas to prevent moisture from entering the gas but if it's already there or somehow makes its way in to the fuel, it doesn't break it down like the Ethanol Shield does. I've started putting it in every engine that sits for extended periods of time. I usually run the gas out of my push mower, chainsaw, generator, etc for non-use periods but that last run has Ethanol Shield mixed in. And after it ran dry, I added Ethanol Shield directly in to the gas tank so if any moisture tries to form the additive should break down the water. On larger equipment, like the Zero Turn mower, I fill it with treated gas. The less room for air the better.

This is a great time of year to plan summer trips. Even if you don't make the trip it's fun to do the planning: figure out how far you'd go each day, what town you might stay in and what you might do when you arrive at your destination. I might make a trip out west to meet up with friends in South Dakota and ride with them in to Canada. Two of the party will stay there for a guided bike ride through Canada but another member and myself didn't want to do that so we are planning on just riding to their jumping off place and then heading home. There's probably a 25% chance of me actually making that trip but, it's fun to think about. Time will tell.

A person needs to be a little cautious riding this time of year. There are still a few leaves on the road and cold tires don't grip well until they're warmed up so go easy for the first couple of miles. Deer aren't moving as much right now but they are in groups so if you see deer number one, watch for number 2 and 3, etc. Some evening rains can freeze overnight so I always assume that wet spot might be slick. Other drivers have not seen many bikes in a few months so they may look right past you and pull in front of you. I like to assume that car facing me and wanting to turn left will pull out right in front of me and if they don't, I'm pleasantly surprised. That's always worked better for me than assuming they see me and will stay put.

So, let's enjoy the winter, look forward to spring and ride when we can. It will be screaming hot soon enough.

Steve Knode  
Newsletter Editor

# Rider Education Report



March is a great month to start planning your rider education. The websites of various skill centers and training organizations start opening to schedule reservations for the year. The early classes fill up fast; it is best not to wait so you can get the dates that best fit your schedule. Because of publishing deadlines, I was unable to see many schedules but here are some companies and locations to check out if this is the year you decide to invest in your safety.

At <https://msf-usa.org/start-your-ride/basic-ridercourse/> you can input your zip code and select a mileage radius to find the Motorcycle Safety Foundation® training courses near you. I found eight locations in

## Kentucky.

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| <u>Bluegrass Harley-Davidson</u>     | Bluegrass Harley-Davidson                           | <u>Skills</u> <sup>1</sup> | 67  | Contact Provider<br>(502) 244-8095 | Contact Provider<br>(502) 244-8095 | Louisville    | KY |
| <u>Man O' War Harley-Davidson</u>  | Frederick Douglas High School                       | <u>Skills</u> <sup>1</sup> | 70  | Contact Provider<br>(859) 253-2461 | Contact Provider<br>(859) 253-2461 | Lexington     | KY |
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| Wildcat Harley-Davidson   | Wildcat Harley-Davidson                             | <u>Skills</u> <sup>1</sup> | 135 | Contact Provider<br>(407) 423-0346 | Contact Provider<br>(407) 423-0346 | London        | KY |
| Four Rivers Harley-Davidson   | Riding Academy Motorcycle Range                     | <u>Skills</u> <sup>1</sup> | 252 | Contact Provider<br>(270) 443-5636 | Contact Provider<br>(270) 443-5636 | Paducah       | KY |

At <https://can-am.brp.com/on-road/us/en/learn-to-ride/registration.html> you can access the Can-Am training courses. In Kentucky they have three locations: Bowling Green, Louisville, and Walton.

For more advanced courses (police motor officer skills for all riders), Pro Rider has a Richmond KY location. You can view their website at <https://www.proriderrichmond.com/> and they are taking registrations as I write this.

The Kentucky Road Riders is also organizing an on-bike training course for two and three wheeled bikes in April this year. Details to follow.

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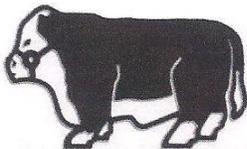


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Chapter Gathering  
Majestic Restaurant

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Daylight Saving Time  
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