



## Chapter KY-Y Mayfield, KY

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## From the Chapter Director



Well, if you haven't heard, I got a new to me 2019 DCT Trike and I love the automatic! Thanks to Steve, I'm figuring out all the new buttons and blue tooth settings lol THANK YOU STEVE!! In the first 10 days I put 2,000 miles on it, so I guess I'm getting used to it. Four of us rode down to Biloxi MS to a Patriot Guard Riders Regional Rally and also did some rides while there.

I know I've mentioned it before but it's getting close as the KY Ride In coming up June 4-6 in Winchester KY hosted by Chapter C out of Lexington. They have some great rides, games and other things to do. As of now Steve, Richard and myself are planning to go. It's not too late to sign up if you're interested.

Just like every spring please keep a close look out for farm machinery and dirt or maybe that strange thing called mud.

I mentioned it last month but be thinking and I'll bring it up again this month about Ch. Y having a picnic in May.

Hope to see you at the May get-together next Thursday.

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

## View From The Saddle



I had a minor decision to make last Saturday: mow the grass or take a ride on the Wing. It was sunny, calm and in the lower 70's.

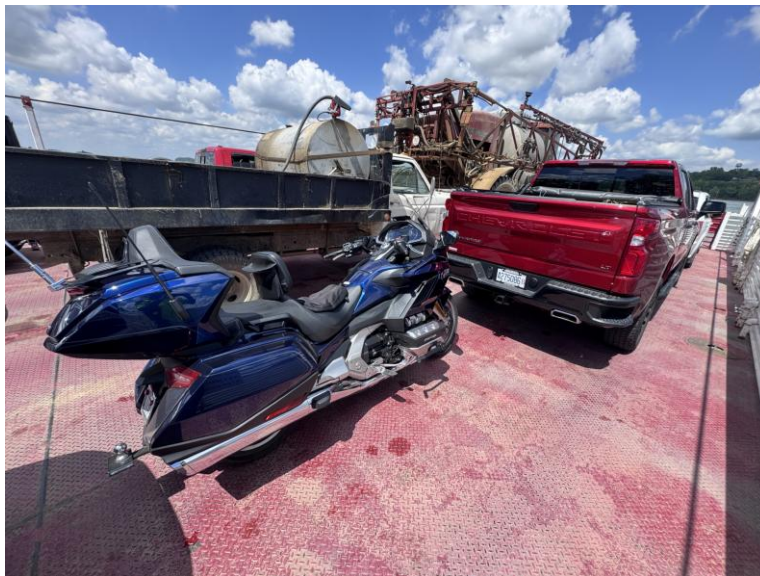
So, as I headed down the driveway on the Wing I had another decision to make: where to go. It never really matters when I just want to ride but it had been a while since I had ventured to the northeast so I decided to head for Old Shawneetown in Illinois.

When I got to Marion I had yet another decision to make: go north and take the Cave In Rock ferry across the Ohio River or head east and cross the bridge south of Old Shawneetown. What the heck. Let's go take the ferry. Once in a while, I'll time it right where vehicles are unloading off the ferry as I arrive. I even cut it closer than that once when they were closing the gates on the ferry and the gate guy saw me and waved me on down to get on board.

There's something satisfying about being the last vehicle on the ferry before it takes off for the other side of the river.

I've also had the ferry pull away just as I arrived. I was first in line to get on after the ferry returned but it takes a while for the boat to make the round trip. Crossing the river seems fairly quick...unless you're watching it leave and then return to your side. Then it seems like it takes forever.

I crossed the river once on a very windy day and waves were lapping up over the front of the ferry. I wasn't worried about it but seeing the waves hit the bow and splash over on to the deck was memorable.



The ferry was loaded on this trip, front to back and side to side.

After "patiently" waiting my turn to disembark I headed north. For some reason my GPS warned me to change my route. It said something about current road conditions, or something like that, but I had taken one of those "shortcuts" before and wound up on gravel. So I disregarded the nice lady's warnings and found that her concerns were exaggerated. There was some minor road repairs going on but no one was working on the project today. I arrived at Old Shawneetown and found there was a new

establishment there. I've always had the feeling that this place was drying up but here's a shiny new bar and grill. I thought about stopping in for a burger or something but decided to save that for another day. I did my traditional tour around the main streets and got back on the highway so I could cross over the Ohio on the bridge. This is an impressive bridge because it's so dang high. I can't imagine anything being hauled on the river that would require a bridge that high and if the water gets that high, well, you better look for the Ark.

The rest of the trip was very pleasant and uneventful. Touring around on the bike is like flying in a plane: I like boring flights and uneventful bike rides. I stopped in Fredonia to buy some "cheap" gas. Kind of stinks when you think \$3.79/gallon gas is cheap. But I filled the tank and headed for home.

I didn't completely shirk my duties, though, and mowed most of my lawn after I got home. There was a hockey game I wanted to watch so that took priority over finishing the lawn. I'll do that tomorrow. But I believe my first decision to take a ride instead of spend the best part of the day mowing was a good one. I'll get the mowing done tomorrow, unless something says "Hey, this is a good day to be on the bike."

Steve Knode  
Newsletter Editor



If these big boys come thru the ferry sits and waits for them to pass.

## Rider Education Report



This month we are planning a training on May 30, 2026, at the Indian / KTM dealer in Walton, KY.

I am hoping that there is a large interest in this training, such that we fill the class and have enough inquiries to force a second (or third) training date to be made. I have heard several, and can think of other, reasons why many do not want to participate in the various training being offered, especially the on-bike courses. I would like to explain why I believe the same reasons people express not to participate are in actuality the reasons why they should embrace the training.

Training courses that practice basic skill sets are a form of rote learning. Wikipedia gives us the following definition: “Rote learning is a memorization technique based on repetition. The method rests on the premise that the recall of repeated material becomes faster the more one repeats it.” It is true that the on-bike training courses in which I have participated have all basically, if not completely, utilized the same exercises in every instance. This is probably the same experience that you have had. And in fact, the training course being planned for May 30 will indeed use the same exercises as in the past from the “Sunny-side Up” course. Repeating the same training exercises is an example of rote learning. It is meant to reinforce what was learned in the past and potentially what may have been forgotten since the last training experience.

In school, rote learning was used for things like multiplication and division, verb tenses, spelling, and such. It was usually associated with a test, usually in written form, which gave students a goal to achieve and the means to measure their success. Motorcycle training exercises in a controlled environment are a form of rote learning which I believe to be important. I understand that practicing on a closed course, especially when people are watching, can feel like a test but I would suggest that people are always watching every move we make when we are out riding. This means that every day we ride, we take a test. During the training day, you may be pulled aside and offered some advice or constructive criticism, but there will be no formal test. Normally, nothing serious will happen and everyone will be dismissed to go home. During a ride, like a commute to work, or for ice cream, or wherever, there (hopefully) will be no one to pull you aside if you make a small mistake or otherwise not perform your best. But I argue that every ride is a test, with a pass or fail score. And when you make it to the end of that ride, you know the score.

One other thing that participating in on-bike training on a regular basis will provide is a consistent set of experiences you can use for comparison. I would suggest that many riders, including me, are not realistically able to compare and properly evaluate their day-to-day riding. This is because every ride has constantly changing variables that make it unique from any other ride. An on-bike training course that uses the same exercises on the same measured course has only one real variable – you. Any difference you notice, or the trainer/observer advises, is because of you. For me, this is valuable information that I can use to evaluate my ability to continue to ride and do so safely.

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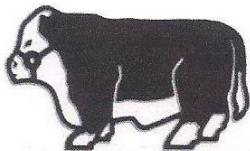


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