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From the Chapter Director



Can you believe it's June already and now we are getting the April showers?

Steve, Richard and I are leaving Thursday morning for the Kentucky Road Riders Ride Inn in Lexington. As you saw in the email the Chapter will be having a dinner ride THURSDAY instead of a meeting, everyone will be going to MLC's in Paducah at 6:00.

Well we had a great turn out for our Chapter Y cookout last Saturday. Thanks to all who brought different items. I think everyone had a good time as the weather was pretty nice with a little breeze to keep everyone from getting too hot.

Don't have much to say this month so I'm just going to get off here and say enjoy the weather because as we all know; that in KY wait a minute and the weather will change.

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

View From The Saddle



After several months of below average rainfall we've made up for some of the deficit last month. This may have reduced some riding days but we really needed the rain. As I'm sure you know, when roads first get wet the oils on the road are still present and with the rainfall it makes them a little slick. But after it rains awhile the oils get washed off and your traction is actually pretty good. You can have too much of a good thing so watch for pooling on the road. Those puddles of water can cause your vehicle to hydroplane and you'll lose contact with the road surface and start water skiing on top of the road surface. Not good.

I've ridden in the rain enough that it doesn't bother me that much. I don't enjoy it but with a good rainsuit and waterproof boots, I can stay pretty dry. I prefer to put on the rainsuit BEFORE I get wet. That's caused me to have to stop and take it off if the rain suddenly stops but, at least, I'm dry.

I really like the electronic windshield on the 2018+ Goldwing. If the rain makes it hard to see thru I can lower it as I'm riding and look over it. It's easier to reach over the windshield and brush off the raindrops, too. Then, if it quits raining and the windshield clears up, I can run it back to the full up position to push the wind back up over me.



There are some benefits to a rainy period.

My brother and I used to do an annual "Brother Ride" and we'd meet somewhere and spend most of a week riding. One year we met in southern Colorado and decided to ride from Trinidad to Cortez and then back to Montrose and on to Evergreen. So, if you're unfamiliar, that's going from far south central Colorado to the far southwest corner, back to the west central part of the state and then thru the

mountains back to just east of Denver. We put rainsuits on when we left the motel each morning and took them off when we parked the bikes at the next hotel that evening. I rained every cotton pickin' day.

We split up a little early at Evergreen because he had a work emergency back in Houston so he headed south and I headed northeast back to western Nebraska and I had a beautiful DRY ride all the way home.

I should have known that I would be in the rain the whole trip with my brother because his riding buddies had named him "Thunder Cloud". That's a well-deserved name, as I found out.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



Tool. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you see this word? Until sometime around 2008, my first thought would have been Sears Craftsman. Why? Because at that time it was still a brand that offered items made in the USA of decent quality at a reasonable price, many with a lifetime guarantee, and often on sale. And you could also find some specialty tools of other brands in their catalog that would make the job easier and “done right”. But as my familiarity with the internet, the complexity of my projects, my understanding of code compliance, and especially my day job responsibilities have grown, my first thoughts have changed. My initial reaction to the word tool is now completely dependent on the context in which it appears.

When the context is my day job, software applications are the tools that come to mind. My favorite tool is the drawing software I use to develop the radio control transmitter layouts and receiver wiring diagrams. The drawings I make with this tool become the instruction set (another tool) used by the technicians to assemble the parts that become the radio system (another tool) our customers will use to operate their machines. Our drawing software requires training to learn how the different mouse movements and keystrokes affect manipulation of the images on the screen. Additional training allows us to stay up to date on changes and improvements in the refinement of the software and advances in our product. Without continued training, new product developments and features would be impossible to implement.

When the context is yard maintenance, I think of lawn mowers, weed eaters, and leaf blowers. These tools also require some training, usually what can be learned from the operators’ manuals and repetitious use, to become efficient in their use and care. Things like safety interlocks, speed settings, and maintenance tasks all need to be learned and practiced allowing for fast, safe and efficient operation. Additionally, suggested safety gear like sturdy footwear and the use of eye and hearing protection allow for safe and comfortable operation.

In the context of motorcycling, the first tool that comes to mind is the bike itself. A motorcycle helps us travel from one place to another quickly and with less effort than walking. Riding safely and keeping the motorcycle under control require training and practice. Operator manuals explain how to use the bike’s performance and convenience features properly. Regular riding helps build familiarity with the machine, making each ride safer, more enjoyable, and more rewarding. Motorcycle specific training courses provide additional skill enhancement to improve operation and safety. Motorcyclists can use tools like online research and conversations with other riders to better understand best practices and how to use their motorcycles effectively and safely. Riding gear like helmets, boots, jackets, and gloves are tools we can use to make the ride more comfortable and enjoyable.

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