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From the Chapter Director



Hello! Another month has flown by, and it's hard to believe half the year is already gone. Kentucky summer is here, so please be careful this coming week, with the heat index expected to reach 105 to 110 degrees. If you are outside or staying active, be sure to drink plenty of water.

Richard, Steve and I went to the 2026 Kentucky Road Riders Ride In last month and we had a really good time. The rides were great and all the activities were lots of fun. I won one of the 50/50's and won \$57.00. Steve wasn't feeling too well so he came home Saturday morning but Richard and I stayed and were a little worried about the weather on Sunday. At least I was as Richard

was in his cage so he wasn't worried about getting wet but I was. I was afraid I'd melt, hope lightning doesn't strike while I'm writing this.

As Individual of the Year for Chapter Y I won the mascot and so we will be expecting guest this month at our meeting. Hope all our people can make the meeting and welcome everyone.

There are lots of 250th Birthday celebrations going this month, hope you can get out and enjoy some of them. Hope to see everyone at the meeting and as always ride safe and watch out for the other guy.

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

View From The Saddle



When I was in college my roommate was an old friend I'd gone thru High School with back in Bartlesville, OK. He had an identical twin brother. His father was asked once if he had a favorite son and he surprised some people when he said he did. He said, "My favorite son is the one I'm with." Great answer.

As we go through life with a variety of motorcycles over the years, which bike was your favorite? My first motorcycle was a Suzuki 250 dirt bike. It was street legal so I could ride it anywhere. It was great for jumping and climbing and I enjoyed it. At that moment in time it was my favorite, although it was on a list of one. I traded that bike for a 1954 Chevy pickup since I needed a truck more than I needed a bike, being newly married and having graduated from college. That was the end of my motorcycling for many years.

After my girls were mostly grown and in college I started tinkering with Honda Trail bikes. I'd buy one on eBay, do some minor repairs and sell them. I might make \$100 and then I'd buy another one and do the same thing. This served as a distraction from work and while no real money maker it got me back in to bikes.

One day I was riding my Trail 110 on the highway coming home from work and a group of bikers rode by me and gave me "the wave". Wow! They acknowledged me as a motorcycle rider! That got me thinking that maybe I needed a REAL highway bike. One thing led to another and one evening I rode home on a 1987 GL1200 Wing. I had test ridden it while I was in a distant town on a business trip and even though I'd only ridden Honda 90 and 110 cc trail bikes in the last 10 years, I loved how smooth and powerful it was. I had to have it. They accepted my Discover Card for the \$3,500 cost and loaned me a helmet to ride home with. I walked in to the house after finally getting home on the bike and Jennie said, "You smell like gasoline." I explained there was a good reason for that and took her to the garage to see my dream bike. That was now my favorite bike.

As I moved on to a 1996 (I think) GL1500 and then a 2000 model, each became my favorite bike. Finally, I made the move to the newest version of the Goldwing and bought a used 2006 GL1800. Man...what a bike! That was definitely my "favorite". It was a maroon color and after adding some pin striping artwork I had the ultimate touring machine.



Then came the 2018 Goldwing. With so many technological advancements and my 2006 getting not only some age but many miles on it, I decided to get my current bike. This bike may be my favorite because, “it’s the one I’m with”. But Jennie told me once while riding behind me on this newest Wing what I used to say when we rode the 2006... “I love this bike.” She said she hadn’t heard me say that about this 2018. And to be honest, I LIKE this bike but, indeed, I loved the 2006.

I wouldn’t go back to the older version of the Honda Goldwing because there are several things that I prefer on the newer bike. There are glitches, like the Bluetooth system and the CB, but overall, it’s a splendid machine. And while I never say never, I see no reason to move onward or upward from this bike because it does everything I want a Goldwing to do.

So, what was YOUR favorite bike?



Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



The KRR Spring Training went well, I think. Three members on trikes participated in all the exercises. The total time on the field was about 4.5 hours. Everyone seems pleased to be able to have the opportunity to practice their skill sin a safe environment. And in between exercises there was good discussion about how to best navigate the course.

As previously stated, the KRR Team is willing to bring this opportunity to a location more convenient for you. We will need a relatively flat, clean, and obstacle free paved space of at least 120 ft by 180 ft (bigger is better). A location with a restroom and shade is also good. We will provide the cones, measuring tape, and marking chalk to set up the exercises.

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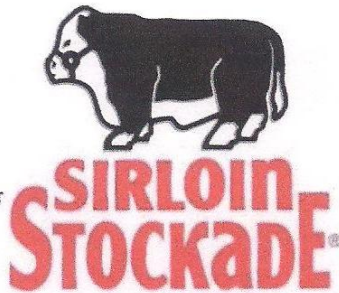
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