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From the Chapter Director



I hope everyone is enjoying this little bit of cooler weather we are having. I've been able to get in a few days of riding. Steve and Jennie, Richard and I will be leaving in a few weeks to go to the 2026 KY Road Riders KY Blast. There's going to be a lot of great rides, games and fun times, plus getting to see old friends. The Blast will be at General Butler State Park in Carrollton this year before moving to a new location. It's not too late to still go if you're interested in a good time.

I know Chapter Y doesn't ride much anymore as a Chapter but we still do love the meetings and supper rides. We still get to see old friends every week so don't stop coming to the meetings and supper rides, we will miss you.

Please remember when out mowing or doing any yard work to hydrate a lot and you really need to start hydrating the afternoon before.

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

View From The Saddle



Last month I wrote about my “favorite” bike. Yesterday my “favorite” bike got a bath. There were bugs and dust on it and it was drizzling outside so I thought it would be a good day to put the Wing under the carport of my shop, assemble all of the cleaning supplies and “git ‘er dun”.

I use the 2 bucket method of washing the bike. I have one bucket with soapy water and the 2nd bucket has clean water. The idea is to not put your soapy mitt or sponge back in to the soapy water until you’ve rinsed it in the clean water. If you haven’t tried this method you’ll be surprised how fast that clean water gets very dirty. With this method that dirt that was on your mitt doesn’t go back in to the nice, clean soapy water that you’re about to do more washing with.

I use a special detergent that is designed for ceramic coating. As you may recall, I spent a considerable amount of time putting on a ceramic coating on the bike in March of 2023. The water still beads up and runs off the bike so that coating is still good. I’ve read that the ceramic coating should last 5-7 years. We’ll see but I’ll certainly do it again, when the time comes.

Another tool I use when cleaning the bike is an old paint brush. I read this trick in Wing World many years ago. The paint brush gets in to those crevices where my mitt won’t fit. I also have a sponge pad covered with a plastic mesh of some kind that works well for removing bugs that ignore my mitt. It’s not real aggressive but you have to be cautious of rubbing too hard or you’ll do some damage to the paint. Ask me how I know.

I keep rinsing the bike to reduce water spots. That’s not a big problem here but when I lived in Nebraska with 12% humidity I’d have to really hurry and keep wetting down the bike or I’d have water spots.

After rinsing I use my leaf blower to blow off excess water which makes drying with the chamois easier. Doesn’t help a lot but I use it anyway.

I have to admit that I don’t spent much time on the back wheel. It, basically, just gets a rinsing with the hose and I move on. That rinsing does remove quite a bit of brake dust, though.

The front wheel is the last thing I wash. After that I reinstall the headlight covers I purchased when I bought the bike. I didn’t want a rock breaking one of those very expensive headlights. After that I’m done.

I try to check my tire pressures regularly but, I have to admit, I get a little lazy on this one since the bike has a tire pressure monitoring system. Normally, if the light comes on, it’s because the air temperature has changed and the pressure that was fine when it was 90 degrees shows a little low on a 60 degree morning. If the tire pressures are only 3-4 lbs low it usually corrects itself as the tires and air temperature warm up. I get the air compressor out when I get home.

Hopefully you’ve picked up a tip or two. Everyone has their own way of doing things but this works for me.

Steve Knode
Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Report



Recently I was asked “why do I ride motorcycles?” which got me thinking. And July offered much time to think about it as I was very busy doing a lot of riding. I think for me, it is the journey more than the destination. Many times, I have reached a planned destination, only to find it looks just like it was pictured on the internet, or the magazine article. Some of the destinations of course, like the view from Mount Blue Sky, Colorado, are impossible to truly appreciate in pictures, but the overall view was the same.

What was not the same was the journey to get there. Descriptions of the ride are interpretations of the author, and each person has a different view, or presumption, or attitude, or goal, which affects their perspective and the effect on their experience. Any number of things can happen at any time during any journey. Being prepared for all of them is usually outside the scope of motorcycling but preparing for them we still must. I find there is a short list of equipment that covers a very long list of possibilities.

I am certain you know some of the equipment that I am about to recommend, and maybe even own some or all of it. A first aid kit because, well, you just never know when you or someone you meet on your journey may need exactly what you have. I have used the first aid kit I carry more times to help strangers than I have used it for myself. A good rain suit keeps you dry when the weather gets wet, and because they tend to be wind proof and offer another layer, can keep you warm when the weather turns cold, or when you climb above 12,000 feet. A small tool kit like the one Honda includes in the many variations of Gold Wing to tighten up your nuts and bolts and help you keep everything together. A tire repair kit and a small electric air pump can keep you rolling when providence is otherwise trying to flatten your mood. A small flashlight to brighten a dark moment, and a small multimeter to troubleshoot an inconvenient electrical issue. And finally, a roll of some sort of strong and sticky material to keep everything together when fasteners are missing or never existed in the first place.

When we traveled to Greenville for Wing Ding 35, I found that I needed to make a temporary repair on my brake lever to keep the brake lights functioning properly. I stopped at a convenience store and bought a small roll of duct tape, which did what I needed it to do, and we made it home without any additional drama. Over time, that roll of tape has helped several riders fix what was broken long enough to get home safely. When the last few feet were removed from the roll, I found an even better replacement product. Walmart sells T-Rex tape, a ferociously strong tape® that surprised me with its quality. This is sold as a duct tape but does not include the usual woven fibers of standard duct tape. But it is a very strong acrylic material and will stretch quite a bit to help you get a good seal on whatever odd shape you are trying to keep together. The adhesive is quite tacky and sticks strongly to a variety of smooth surfaces and is very weather resistant. If you see me on my Gold Wing, and are curious about T-Rex tape, ask me, I’ll show you my roll.

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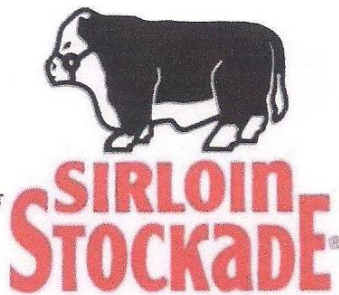
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