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Chapter K Awards Programs for 2016

It was very rewarding to see how well the new programs that were instituted in 2015 did last year. We will be expanding the programs by adding a high mileage program this year. It will be used to keep track of the total miles that our members ride in 2016. This will be separate from the chapter mileage program. The miles do not have to be on Chapter Rides. It will require every member to send in a photo of their odometer every month. If you believe in our motto, Friends, Fun, and Safety, you will realize that the more you are involved, the more FUN you will have.

Starting January 1st , we will be putting the three different programs in place to try to increase participation during rides and events. All of the records will be kept on our website for all members to see. The records will be updated at least once a month. These programs will require even more work than last year because there will be more events this year. I know that participation of these programs is going to grow. However, I know that all of the hard work will be worth it because it will increase member participation.

Chapter Mileage Award – This award will be presented to the top three people in the chapter based on the miles that they have accumulated in the 2016 calendar year during Chapter K rides. The mileage will be put into a spread sheet after every ride or visitation and posted on the website. The awards will be presented Jan 2017. Individual Chapter Miles will be used to calculate the total safe miles that our Chapter rides as a Chapter during 2016. Our goal for the Chapter is to break 200,000 miles as a Chapter for 2016. 2015 was a rewarding year with a substantial increase in ride participation. However, the 200,000 mile goal will only be able to be accomplished if participation increases a great deal more on our rides.

High Mileage Award – This award will be presented to the top three people in the chapter based on the total miles that they have ridden in the 2016 calendar year. The mileage will be put into a spread sheet at the end of every month and posted on the website. The awards will be presented Jan 2017. Individual Miles will be used to calculate the total safe miles that our Chapter road during 2016. Our goal for Chapter K members is to break 300,000 miles for 2016. You do not have to finish 1st, 2nd or even 3rd to be a winner. Everyone that rides is winner, so get out and ride as often and as long as you can. Every mile counts so make sure that you get your photos in and ride often and safe. Remember that all miles will add up, so please do participate in this program even if you do not ride a lot of miles.

Chapter K-Bucks

As New York District Members we are very fortunate to have a **Dash-For-Cash** Program. This program encourages chapters to visit other chapters. It also gives all of the New York Chapters the opportunity to save half of the yearly dues that each Chapter has to pay. It pays the total yearly dues for the Chapter that finished in first place. Beside the money saving aspect, there is an even better part—and that is the making of new friendships or the strengthening of an existing friendship by the camaraderie that takes place when chapters share time together.

As you know, last year Chapter-K started a similar program and called it the **K-Bucks Awards Program**. We are going to continue this program next year, but have decided to make it easier to earn those K-Bucks by increasing the number of events that our Chapter is going to have in 2016. There are also many more opportunities to host events as well as lead rides. Every member of Chapter K will automatically be part of this great program. You do not have to do much to start earning those bucks. All you have to do is participate in a planned ride, event or gathering. You can earn extra bucks if you host an event or lead a ride. You can even get some extra bucks by volunteering to provide any other help when help is asked for. Every member that accumulates \$5,000 K-Bucks or more will receive a K-Bucks patch if they did not get one in 2015. They will also receive their 2016 pin that will be displayed with the patch. But wait, we are not done yet because you can attend the 2016 Holiday party for free if you have earned at least \$5,000 K-Bucks.

You will earn different amounts of K-Bucks for every event or ride that you participate in during 2015. You will get \$100 for attending a monthly meeting, event or local ride. You can get a \$100 bonus for hosting an event, providing a ride idea or bringing a pot of chili to the cook off. You will be paid \$200 for each ride you go on that goes off of Long Island. You can earn an additional \$300 for going on an overnight ride. You will get paid \$400 for every district event that you attend. You will be paid \$500 if you attend a Region B event. It gets even better with \$600 paid to you for attending a National event.

3 special prizes will be presented to the top 3 people of the chapter based on the amount of K-Bucks that they earn. And remember that every member that earns at least \$5,000 Chapter-K buck will get the special active participation award that is your officers have selected especially for you.