

If the old saying March wind brings April showers, then you might consider getting a boat. We held our supper ride on the 7th at Boomer's in Holton with 14 people in attendance. The wind was blowing so hard, when it was time to leave to join up with the rest of the Chapter, that Brenda and I elected to go on 4 wheels and it was still a fight with the wind all the way to Topeka. By the time everybody got to Boomer's, I noticed that nobody was dumb enough to try and ride in that stuff. Actually by the time we got there, the wind had died down but an hour earlier nobody in their right mind would have ridden a bike unless it was an absolute necessity.

While we were eating, it appeared to me that the members of Chapter C just might be getting a little old. A lot of the talk was about surgeries past and upcoming. It seemed like everybody had a surgery and/or Medicare story. Nobody had to get around with the aid of any medical equipment; however there were stories about them.

After a leisure meal, we headed out about 8:30 to our respective homes after another good evening with good people.

Our monthly meeting was held at Perkins with 26 in attendance. As is normal for the Chapter, Bill Hanson started us off with the monthly safety tip. He brought up the fact that some cars have extremely bright lights on them and can very easily blind a rider or driver for that matter if you happen to look directly at them. His suggestion was to look toward the fog line instead. After a short discussion of what lights are actually legal, Sandy Davis mentioned that since we have an abundance of trikes in the chapter that she wondered if the ones that normally rode on the backseat knew how to stop their trikes in an emergency. After a discussion about that, it appeared that virtually all of the passengers knew how to get them stopped. The same would apply to a bike except that when it finally stops it will fall over.

Maintenance day was discussed with final decisions being made but if anything exciting happens, we won't be telling that until next month because this article will be in Bill Tucker's hands before then.

Both of our scheduled rides for the month of April have changes due to circumstances beyond our control. We will meet at the Kwik Shop at 45th and SW Topeka Blvd. in Topeka on the 4th and decide on a destination at that time because the restaurant we selected in November is closed. (Don & Brenda Williams, the experts at finding closed, did not select this location). For our extended ride on the 8th, we will be doing the same thing as Rick & Rita Thompson will not be able to attend that ride because of medical reasons, so again we will determine where to go at the Kwik Shop with a departure time from there of 11:00.

Jack Schoeck gave a briefing on upcoming district events along with the Region H Rally:

April 8th Chapter F birthday in Cassody at noon (bring a covered dish)

April 27-29 Region H Rally Marshall, TX

June 10th State ride to Lucas (more info TBA)

June 24-27th District Rally Hutchinson (more info TBA)

With that, we had the 50/50 drawing with Bill Hanson winning the large one and Ken Felch winning the small one.

We had our maintenance day on the 25th at Ken & Arlene Felch's home with 10 people in attendance. Our attendance was low this year due to weather, the trike course in Wichita, and also with people down with medical issues. Even though the turn-out was low it didn't stop us from enjoying ourselves and getting absolutely no maintenance done. It was a cold drizzle all morning leading all of us to arrive on four wheels. The food was good. Personally I'm not sure if Ken's cookies or his burgers are the best but it doesn't matter since they are both very good along with plenty of both for everybody. His cookies get the rave reviews with most members just making sure Ken brings cookies to any covered dish event.

The one big thing I'm not sure of is if anybody managed to get extra cookies to take to Bill Hanson. Bill was unable to attend the event because he was taking the Trike course in Wichita but had left word he wanted cookies. If nobody did, then Teresa Gull is in for a real hard time

because it was her responsibility as the chapter social dictator to obtain them and get them to Bill.

Just as we were finishing eating John Gull ask Arlene if she was expecting company and then opened the door. I swear around 20 people of all ages walked in. Her family brought pizza and other stuff for a surprise early 75th birthday party. I can give her age because she gave it out a couple of meetings ago and also she was made to wear a visor that had 75 on the front. There were 4 generations represented with the youngest being her 4 year old great grandson. After meeting everyone and everybody getting settled, the chapter folks decided to give them their family time and headed home.

Birthdays for the month of April are:

- 6 Lara Williams
- 7 Susan Drake

Don & Brenda Williams
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