

With June starting off on such a bad note, we managed to end the month on the upswing with the District Rally. Even though only two couples managed to make it to Hutchinson, John & Teresa Gull managed to clean up. Teresa won \$100 in the grand prize drawing with John getting \$50 by selling the ticket. Teresa wasn't finished as she also won the Oz themed afghan. There was a good crowd and the rally was well run with plenty to keep the attendees occupied.

We took time out on Saturday morning to take the Salt Mine tour and managed to stumble onto a great place for breakfast. I'm not going to give the name out as the place is small and parking is very limited. I will give a small hint. There is a shiny pole involved with the restaurant so let your imagination be your guide.

We held our extended ride on the 8th to Weston, MO led by Rick Thompson. Thanks to me not looking at our own website or paying attention to the notice Margaret Hanson e-mailed us, Brenda and I arrived at Dillion's in Topeka promptly at 8:45 and waited for the others. When they didn't show by almost 9:00 I looked at the website and found out we were an hour late. No big deal, we hopped on the trike and told the GPS to take us to Weston. We arrived an hour ahead of the others. It seems like Rick was either lost or was having fun because everybody said they had been on roads they didn't know existed and that every time there was a sign that said the direction to Weston, Rick turned the other way. Brenda and I found a padded bench on Main Street in Weston and just relaxed and people watched until everybody got there. We ended up with a total of 11 people for lunch which should have just been called chicken salad day since that was what just about everybody else ate.

After our lunch we said goodbye to some of the folks that were riding in cars, because of among other things, Rita Thompson hasn't been released by her surgeon to ride yet. We headed out and Rick wanted to know if we were in a hurry to get home and since nobody was, we rode for about 20 minutes and came to a stop sign that said Weston 4 miles. Yes, we turned the opposite direction. Then came to a sign that said wet oil and gravel requiring another detour like it matters when the riding is good. We stopped at the DQ in Holton to get cooled off with some ice cream and to fill the tanks. With that we loaded up and headed home.

Our “supper ride” wasn’t a ride at all. We had changed the date because of our normal ride would have been on the 4th so we decided to just meet at Cook's American Grill for supper. When Brenda and I left the house it was 102° and not getting cooler. We had 11 people arrive in their cars. Having not been there in a long time we rediscovered both the service and food to be good and no complaints from anybody about the racket we made. We just sat around and shot the breeze for a couple of hours solving most of the world’s problems that nobody will listen to anyway and then headed our separate ways.

John & Teresa and Brenda & I attended the Chapter “F” BBQ in Cassoday on the 15th. Even though the day was hot, it was very comfortable with a small breeze and the shade provided by the big tree between the clubhouse and fire department. There wasn’t a large crowd but it was a very enjoyable time. We were also joined by a couple of people on vacation that rode in from the Denver area just for the BBQ. Since I can’t remember my name half the time I have no clue what their names were but you will probably find that out in Chapter “F’s” newsletter. When they were leaving, John & Teresa were given the left over hotdog and hamburger buns, which we will be put to good use on the 19th of August for our chapter birthday party at John & Teresa’s home at 4020 SE 34th Terrace in Topeka at 2:PM. Come one come all just remember to bring a covered dish so we won’t starve.

We held our monthly meeting at Perkins on the 18th with 18 in attendance. We had our normal noisy bunch there but were lucky enough to have Clifford & Tiffany Criss along with their son William and Dave & Marcie Cottrell join us. Both couples have been GWRRA members for some time. Their schedules finally allowed them to attend a meeting and here is hoping they all become active within the chapter. After introductions all around, we got down to the meeting. We discussed the reorganization of GWRRA and it’s doing away with region directors. We were wondering how things will shake out, but with our chapter members being the laid back bunch we are, we will take a wait and see attitude. At the chapter level we won’t be making any changes until the “bugs” are worked out or the first of the year which I think will make Bill Tucker very happy since it appears from the initial information it will cause him more changes than anybody else in the District. After getting that out of the way Bill Hanson mentioned the importance of reading the clues along the road especially when riding on the small

two lane roads that we tend to enjoy. Items like trash cans at the mail boxes, pets in yards or the possibility of stopped vehicles just over a rise in the road i.e. trash trucks or mail carriers just for a few examples.

We also discussed the District Rally with John complimenting the District staff on managing a well organized event. Wing Ding was briefly mentioned since there isn't much to say at this late date about it.

Our supper ride will be the first to the Trails Café in Holton with Rick and Rita leading the ride. Here's hoping that Rita will finally be able to be on the back of their trike again after way too many months without riding due to surgery. We won't be having either an extended ride or meeting in August because of the Chapter birthday party already mentioned. With the heat we've been having the last month, I don't think a long ride in August will be missed that much.

With that we had our 50/50 drawing with Teresa winning the large drawing and you guessed it, Ken Felch winning the smaller drawing. That makes 5 months in a row that he has won a 50/50 drawing. Does anybody have the number for the IRS to report his winnings? After the drawing, we broke up for short individual visits and headed home.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2	Ken Felch	5	Randy & Denise Benteman
17	Clifford Criss	12	Jamie & Gayle Conway

Don & Brenda Williams

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