

We started the month off with our annual planning meeting at the home of John & Teresa Gull with 13 people in attendance.

With Sandy Davis bringing the chili and Ken Felch the cookies they got the important stuff taken care of leaving the easy stuff to the other members to bring, however the important dishes for the meeting kept up the tradition.

After the ladies got everything arranged the way they wanted it, they yelled for the men to come get our food.

Upon finishing our lunch and after some finished watching the Chiefs game we got down to the secondary item for the get together and that was determining our schedule for the year. We did a fair job of planning the year out with the exception of determining the date for our next planning meeting. We discussed a different date but didn't manage to settle on one and with most of us being retired it was an easy thing to slip our minds. We will get the date figured out before the end of the year. For those that missed the meeting or are interested in what we have planned John will have it posted on our website before the first of the year.

Our supper "ride" was on the 6<sup>th</sup> to Annie's Place in Topeka with 11 people making it. The word ride is in quotes because it was a 4 wheel affair since it was dark before we could even get settled down to order our food. As usual the food and service was excellent even though our server couldn't settle on what her name was. She was mistakenly called by the owners name once and she thought she would get bigger tips if she answered to that one. It didn't really matter because she was on the

ball all evening and really pushing desserts, which probably resulted in great tips.

We had a ride scheduled for the Veteran's Day parade in Leavenworth. During our October meeting we discussed wanting to find a different stopping place for a restroom break prior to getting to the parade site. The 7-11 we have been stopping at leaves a lot to be desired but the pickings in that area of the city aren't very good. Not knowing much about the town I decided to see if there was any other place not too far out of the way to stop. That led me to pull up the parade website and lo and behold our plan for riding up on the 11<sup>th</sup> wouldn't work because this year the parade was on the 12<sup>th</sup>. I checked with our ride leader for the day, Rick Thompson, and he wasn't aware of the date change either. That was an easy fix so we just changed the date but the weather guessers decided to toss in a monkey wrench later. Earlier in the week prior to the parade we were watching the weather forecasts and Rick suggested and I agreed that the best thing to do this year was to cancel our participation in the event. As it turned out it was a pretty cold day especially in the early morning and it rained off and on also so Rick made an excellent call.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> with 13 in attendance. We had a brief discussion of the riding hazards this time of year even though with the colder temps so far this fall not much riding is being done but even if you are in a car it's prudent to be on the lookout for Bambi since he only has one thing on his mind and it's not looking for cars.

We discussed the various chapter Christmas parties happening in December that we knew about giving the dates, times, locations, and any special items mentioned by the chapters. As for our party all the final

decisions were made so now the people just have to show up with a big appetite and gifts for the dirty Santa gift exchange.

I clarified the couple of the year basket for Mid-Winter relaying Sarah Watts' email information to the chapter members.

We are still looking for a Chapter Director and Newsletter editor as nobody has committed to either position yet.

We selected our Couple of the Year for next year. Bill and Margaret Hanson reluctantly accepted. Both of them are very active within the chapter and will do anything they can for the chapter or other individuals. Considering they live farther from Topeka than the vast majority of us if not the farthest. Thank you, Bill & Margaret for accepting.

With that we held our 50/50 drawing with; you guessed it Rod & Lara Williams winning the larger drawing and John & Teresa finally one the smaller after a long drought.

Birthday            27<sup>th</sup> Rita Thompson

Anniversaries    7<sup>th</sup> Ken & Arlene Felch  
                         14<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Louise Ellett

***Don & Brenda Williams***  
***CD/Newsletter Editors***