

The year started off for Chapter C with nobody riding to Red Robin for our New Year's Day ride. One chapter member that will remain nameless because I forgot the name five minutes after I was told what it was, said or I could use the excuse I won't use the name to protect the guilty. Anyway when this individual arrived and didn't see any bikes or trikes in the parking lot, decided there wasn't enough ice for us to ride in from Manhattan. Actually, it was somebody remembering several years ago Brenda and I riding in from Manhattan and when we got to the parking lot it was a complete sheet of ice with only one parking space about 100 yards from the door that didn't have ice on it. Somehow I managed to get the bike in it and remaining vertical. We walked in and said we were trying out our new heated jacket liners we had gotten for Christmas. That was our excuse and we stuck to it. Actually what happened was Topeka got some freezing rain that Manhattan didn't and the roads were literally dry all the way to the exit to get off the interstate and there was some ice on the edges of the road but the parking lot was a completely different story. Fortunately, the ice all melted before we left.

We had a total of 20 people on hand for the burgers. Other than the place being real noisy, which is a normal happening for lunchtime, we had a great time eating and catching up on all the happenings of the holidays.

After an extended period of eating and shooting the breeze the party broke up and we retired to the parking lot to entertain some of the customers. We ended up transferring baby stuff from our pickup (our youngest grandchild is now 2 ½ and no longer needs "baby furniture") to the great grandparents to be (John & Teresa Gull) and a rear tire and wheel from Bill Hanson's car to my pickup since he no longer had a use for a rear wheel since he added a third wheel to his bike. He had wondered if it would even be worth it to take the parts off his bike when he picked up his trike, but the wheel was sold as soon as he figured out how much he wanted for it.

Our meeting was held on the 17th at Perkins with 13 people in attendance. Since the weather hasn't been that good for riding and not many events taking place this time of year. the meeting was very short. However, the important part of the evening was its normal good time with the catching up, gossip or just plain shooting the breeze whichever you want to call it taking place prior to the meeting.

Bill wants to make sure everybody was made aware of the additional hazards on the roads when riding this time of year with salt, sand and other debris being at higher levels along with the possibility of unexpected ice on the roads. He also pointed out there will be a trike class in Wichita on the 25th of March for any concerned. The course is filling up fast but if you are interested contact Bill Tucker at wtucker1@cox.net. Even if the course is full, he will put you on a waiting list in case of a cancellation. The course has two stages, classroom and range and is spread over two days but is well worth it.

The District campout date was announced this month and it will be October 6-8 in Council Grove. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

We will be meeting at Annie's restaurant in Topeka on February 7th at 6:00 for our supper ride. If things go the way they normally do there will probably be some snow on the ground.

With that we had the 50/50 drawing with Teresa Gull winning the large one and Al Davis winning the small one.

The Mid-Winter Rendezvous was held in Park City at the Best Western and Chapter C was well represented with 9 members being present. It was a typical Mid-Winter event with fun and games and some seminars along with the ability to catch up with friends and share "war stories". We did get new District Directors and assistant Directors. Just to keep things simple they just switched places so now Bill and Sara Watts are District Directors and Jack and Doris Schoeck are their assistants. The

rest of the staff remains the same which makes it easy for us out in the boonies. The district has quite a few events planned so check out the district website to see what events you would like to attend.

The only birthdays for February are Randy Benteman on the 13th and Ron Crawford on the 17th. No anniversaries, which seems odd since it's the month of Valentine's Day.

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