

This will be our typical first newsletter for the year, which means it will be real short, because December as always is a slow month for Chapter C. There were a few days during the month when riding without heated gear was an option. One of those days was Chapter F's Christmas party in Cassoday.

I saw three bikes in Cassoday. Brenda and I considered riding but decided against it because when it was time to leave it had started to rain. By the time we got there and until we got home it was fantastic riding weather for this time of year. John and Teresa Gull also made the trip to the party from Chapter C. Gary and Suzan Drake normally come however Suzy just HAD to go dress shopping with her granddaughters since both of them are getting married next summer within a month of each other. I guess that is a reasonable excuse for not getting to the party.

Chapters F & P combined their parties with something near 40 people being in attendance with plenty of good food and fun to go around. Sarah Watts kept trying to steal and keep all the food gift cards (using both her and Bill's chances to steal) but in the end she didn't get even one. I guess she will either have to go hungry or swipe some money from Bill.

We held our Christmas party on the 2nd in Lyndon and also had a good turnout with 36 people attending from Chapter C and various other chapters. It seems to be the standard with Chapter C, Sandy Davis fixed the turkey, dressing and gravy, Margaret Hanson baked the ham and Susan Drake fixed the mashed potatoes (she gets drafted with that dish since she lives in Lyndon) and ice tea. Thank you ladies, as usual your cooking was perfect. The rest of the food was contributed by everyone and there wasn't much in the way of leftovers including the deserts, which seems to be the important part of any of our meals. That is very good since we don't need a lot of left overs this early in the month.

Our gift exchange went extremely well with Teresa keeping everything moving right along. There was a lot of stealing of gifts which makes the evening all that much more fun. We also had some couples from the old Chapter S and just to name one, Allan Pugh, when he is in attendance there is never a dull moment. That man is very entertaining and it's always a pleasure to see him and his wife there.

This month we have no anniversaries only birthdays

- 3 Rick Thompson
- 6 Margaret Hanson
- 9 Terry Widner
- 18 Denise Benteman

Here is wishing everybody a Happy New Year and a safe and healthy year of riding with many, many fun filled miles during 2018.

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