

The month of June started off with our supper ride, with John & Teresa Gull leading us to Poncho's in Ottawa on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 6 bikes and 12 people. Bill & Margaret Hanson had to join us via 4 wheels as their bike was in the shop. As is usual for Poncho's, they put us in the back room in the closed section to keep us out of trouble. Both the service and food were great as usual. We actually ended up with our normal day server so we were in excellent hands all evening. The weather for the ride couldn't have been better. It wasn't too hot and the wind wasn't blowing us around at all. We had a great bull session while eating and even managed to finish and get back on the road in time for Brenda and me to get home before it got dark enough for the headlights to really be needed to see the hiway.

We had our extended ride on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> with Rick and Rita Thompson leading us to Weston, MO with 8 bikes and 12 people. Rick did a great job since I for one spent just about all of the ride on roads that I had never been on, some that were straight and some that would hurt a snake's back at times. The variety was good to keep it interesting. As we were getting to Atchison for a break at the museum, we were passed at a stop light by 3 bikes that were on the District ride to the Cray Castle. Our ride was scheduled in November so it was in conflict with the District ride that was scheduled at a later date. I'm not sure if any of Chapter C people made the District ride or not. It was announced several times that as always for rides who you rode with didn't matter as long as you enjoyed your ride. I don't remember the name of the place we ate in Weston but all the comments I heard about the food were good. As for myself, I had the Big Mouth BLT (I know the name fits the eater) and it was out of this world. The bacon was batter dipped and deep fried. Not a crumb was left on the plate and the onion rings with it were extremely good too. The trip back home was pretty hot but Rick mad enough stops to give us plenty of chances to get something to drink or refill cups to keep hydrated. The ride was a couple of hundred miles with very few roads repeated. Below are a few pictures from our stops. I'll leave the names out to protect the guilty and to have an excuse for not missing somebody:



Museum parking lot



Inside the Museum

Weston Bend Park Trailhead

Our monthly meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Perkins with 19 in attendance. The meeting was pretty short since there is no sense in dragging something out just for the sake of killing time. Bill Hanson started things out by pointing out he had read an article where if my memory is correct 4% of registered motor vehicles are motorcycles accounting for 25% of motor vehicle fatalities. Even if they count all fatalities of riders on unregistered off road bikes and probably even toss in ATVs (thinking like a politician here) the number is way too high. The causes mentioned were primarily caused by drinking, left turns in front of the bike, inattention and riding above rider's ability. It also appeared too many that not wearing a helmet was mentioned in a lot of those accidents. No statistics were available so that was just an observation. Al Davis mentioned that a large number of fatalities in the local area lately have been single bike accidents where the bike went off the road for one reason or the other. Rod Williams looked back on his 30 years in law enforcement and said a vast majority of the fatal accidents involving bikes that he worked were alcohol involved.

Ironically, when we were on our extended ride we had to wait for approximately 5 minutes at the intersection of US 59 and US 24 west of Lawrence while a group of riders went buy. I estimated a minimum of 100 bikes but have no clue if that is even close either high or low. We were behind them going into Topeka and when they were turning to go to what appeared to be a bar (Kickstart) they were on the frontage road blocking traffic to ride into the facility side by side. While sitting and watching them go by on the road it appeared to me that you could have counted the helmets, in the group, on one hand.

With nothing coming up at the district rally, we discussed the supper ride that is being led by John & Teresa Gull. It was scheduled to go to Guy & Mae's for BBQ, but Al said, the owner had passed away, so John will come up with another destination and it will be included in the ride event e-mail Bill will send out. Since we had no extended ride on the calendar for July, Brenda & I decided we would lead a ride to the Boyer Museum in Belleville on the 9th. We will be leaving from Dara's Fast Lane on Kimble Ave across from CICO park in the Candlewood shopping center, Manhattan, with a departure time of 10:00 AM with a lunch stop in Concordia at Heavy's BBQ.

With nothing else to discuss, we had the 50/50 drawing with Galen Umsheid winning the large one and Rod & Lara Williams winning the small one. It appears they are taking Teresa's spot in winning.

#### Birthdays

19 Lenny Barnes

20 Gayle Conway

24 Bill Hanson

30 Rod Williams

#### Anniversaries

7 Earl & Lenny Barnes

21 Don & Brenda Williams

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