

I normally enjoy trying to figure out what to put into the newsletter each month, but this has been the worst month for Chapter C in several years. We started the month off with our normal supper ride on the 6th departing from the Kwik Shop in Topeka with 4 bikes and 8 people for our annual trek to Poncho's in Ottawa for Teresa Gull's birthday supper. After arriving at Poncho's we were just sitting down and Jamie Conway's phone rang. After he finished his call he let us know that Al Davis had passed away and they were heading to Lawrence to see what they could do for Sandy and her family. Needless to say our supper was very subdued with the group trying to get our minds around the whole situation.

Our extended ride for the month is normally on the second Saturday of the month which coincided with the District Spring ride which was to Lucas. Brenda and I went on the district ride and it was a very enjoyable day other than the 100 miles of direct crosswind on the way home. There was a good turnout as I heard there were 42 people in attendance. The plan was to eat a picnic lunch in the park in Lucas; however a few of us elected not to pack a lunch and ate at the local establishments. Brenda and I chose the café that is beside of the gas station in Lucas. It was our first time eating there however I doubt if it will be the last if we are in the area at the proper time and hungry. The food was excellent and plenty of it also at a good price. After lunch we went back into town just in time to join the rest of the group as they were relocating from the park to Main Street for parking and wandering around town. Lucas has a lot more to offer than a person would think. They have the Garden of Eden (most people are aware of that), a \$200,000 public restroom facility that has become a tourist attraction (must see), and also some other attractions. After about 4 hours in town Brenda and I decided to head back to Manhattan. Interstate 70 was, simply stated, work riding home. Steady wind in the 25/30 mph range all the way back and directly into our right sides so it's wasn't real fun.

Al Davis' memorial was held on the 17th in Lawrence. I would like to personally thank all the people that attended from other Chapters especially those who could make it on motorcycles since it was a hot and muggy day. I'm sure Sandy was

well pleased that everyone made the trip.



We held our month meeting was held on the 20th and started out the same way the whole month has been. The short answer would be chaos. The restaurant had triple booked our normal meeting room so we ended up sitting in an open area trying to eat, have a meeting, and even being able to hear one and other. The manager did come by and apologize for the mix-up and told us desert was on her because of it, but to keep with the theme of the evening there was a long discussion as to what constituted as desert. After taking well over an hour to get our food we started the meeting while eating, which is not the most mannerly thing to do. Bill Hanson started us off with a short safety discussion about riding in the heat with emphasis on making sure to stay hydrated as much as possible. This was a good subject since the temperature was near 100 degrees and most of us were a bit warm under the collar by that time. We welcomed Bob Vanderwiede as he was attending his first meeting. Bob has ridden with us in the past but has one of those schedules that tend to interfere with meeting attendance. We hope to see him more often in the future. Our supper ride in July falls on the 4th so we decided to move it to the 11th meeting at Cook's Restaurant at 1936 SW Gage Blvd in Topeka 6:00pm.

Our extended ride will be on the 8th and is scheduled for Weston, MO with a different meeting place. Dillion's on the north side at US 24 and Rochester Rd.

Rick & Rita Thompson are scheduled to lead the ride but it's not known if Rita will be able to ride by then or not so we will play it by ear for a ride leader.

With that we had the 50/50 drawing with Bob (new guy) winning the large amount and as per usual Ken Felch winning the other one. Rod Williams didn't win anything this month simply because he and Lara weren't there. Since Ken has won 3 months in a row, I suggested we just give Ken his tickets and put the other set in the trash but nobody thought that was a good idea, so a ticket was drawn *and* then he won number 4.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

19 Lenny Barnes

7 Earl & Lenny Barnes

20 Gayle Conway

21 Don & Brenda Williams

24 Bill Hanson

30 Rod Williams

Don & Brenda Williams

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