

With February being a short month with the normal type of weather being such that riding a bike at all is a hit or miss happening therefore not a whole lot happened this month.

We held our monthly supper ride (which was actually a meet and eat) at Annies in Topeka. We had 10 people and the restaurant staff was smart enough to put us in a room all by ourselves so we could do pretty much as we pleased. As normally happens where we eat, the food was good and the service excellent, even with Al Davis doing his best to confuse the waitress. She saw right thru him and just told him to shut up, which probably got her a better tip from the other 4 couples there.

We had enough free time, while eating and afterward, to rehash Mid-Winter and discuss the learning curve of switching from a bike to a trike. After many years on two wheels with some of the apprehensions to the switch being bantered about and possible ways to rectify those apprehensions. After about 1 ½ hours we broke up with all heading home with hope for the weather to get warmer so riding isn't having to either dress like the Michelin man or plug in the heated gear just to head out for a short jaunt.

Later in the same week we had four couples meet for a leisure lunch, at Poncho's in Ottawa, where we like to eat when we have nothing better to do. It was mentioned that the weather might be warm enough to ride we could meet in Alma for a short ride to a late lunch or early supper depending on what anybody wanted to call it. The question was asked "What if it's too cold who will decide". There was a loud. "I will" that actually should have been "we will" because there was a group of voices saying the same thing. Well the weather was perfect so we met in Alma and headed out with Bill & Margaret Hanson leading us on their new trike. I think Bill really wanted to try a small group ride since it was his first on the trike. I have to say he did extremely well leading us and Margaret was very good at not leaning with the sweepers but the sharp turns were another thing as she was leaning over to "help" Bill with those. Bill asked us to critique his riding while we were eating, but that just amounted to him saying what he thought he needed work on

with the trike. The best part of the “ride” was the instructions for Margaret on the best way to get on the trike. Below are a couple of pictures of the instructors on and around the trike. I’m not sure if there was a plan afoot to take off or not. I don’t think any of the four have actually ridden a trike or not so it might have been a bit scary if the engine had started.



After checking the weather gusser’s forecast I decided to see if anybody wanted to go on an impromptu ride on the 18<sup>th</sup> and sent out an e-mail with a short notice to the Chapter. We met at the Kwik Shop on Topeka Blvd at 11:00 and had 8 people show up. Actually only 6 wanted to ride as Rod and Lara Williams weren’t interested in riding but we had a good visit before we left. The reason/excuse they didn’t want to ride had something to do with a bunch of guys tossing a round ball at a net with a hole in the bottom of it. Actually Al & Sandy Davis along with Jamie & Gayle had the same conflict so rode in their three bike group. I didn’t hear a reason/excuse; however I figured it was so they could be assured to stay within radio range of the same game Rod & Lara were interested in. It doesn’t really matter where or why they were riding, as long as they were taking advantage of the day, which was

perfect for being on a motorcycle. Our group finally got out of the Kwik Shop around 11:20 and took the scenic route to Leonardville to Nelson's landing. I think it only ended up being in the neighborhood of a hundred miles to get there arriving just in time to see the end of the game those others were so interested in seeing. While we were eating, KU some way or another avoided blowing the game in the last few seconds as they have done earlier this year. As the food was being paid for I was watching the last few seconds of the WVU game just out of curiosity since that is where Brenda and I grew up. There were 27 seconds left when everybody had finished paying and John Gull said it would take forever to play the last few seconds so we laughed and left. He was absolutely correct because when we got home about an hour later, after finishing another great ride, I was surfing the net and saw that WVU had won in double overtime. In my opinion they would have won by a large margin if they could have put the ball thru the basket. They would steal inbounds and then miss the shot from almost on top of the basket. I'm not a fan of any sport for the most part so I'm hardly ever upset about an outcome.

We held our monthly meeting at Perkins on the 21<sup>st</sup> with 18 in attendance. Bill Hanson started the meeting off with a discussion of the levels program and encouraged members interested in enrolling to get in touch with him and he'll get them signed up and explain in depth what the qualifications for the various levels entail. He also stressed with the weather improving that riders need to be more on the lookout for other people's actions as well as getting the "rust" off after not riding as much as in the summer. It was also brought up there is quite a bit of mud on the roads from farmers working their fields and there is still sand on some of the roads even though we haven't had a lot of snow and ice this year.

Mid-winter was discussed and also the fact that Bill & Sarah Watts are now District Directors and that the district staff remains the same. Also discussed was the location of both the District Rally and Mid-Winter will both be in Hutchinson.

The date and location of Dale and Georgiana Trisch's 50th anniversary party was also given out.

Maintenance day was discussed with the possibility of a last minute change due to our hosts not being available. If it becomes necessary there will be an e-mail sent out as soon as any cancelation is determined.

With all discussion exhausted we held the 50/50 drawing with Teresa winning the large drawing and Brenda winning the small drawing. Teresa brought in a door prize that Sandy won.

Arlene Felch is a very special person in Chapter C; she is the only person having either a birthday or anniversary. Arlene was born on March 30 approximately 25 years ago give or take a few years.

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