

September ended with John & Teresa Gull attending the Oklahoma District rally. They invited us to go along but we decided not to attend even with plenty of badgering from Teresa due to travel plans we had for early October. She was kind enough to provide a short narrative of the rally and it's included below:

John and I attended the Oklahoma District Rally in Muskogee. It was a great rally. There were 19 vendors and good attendance. John had a good vendor poker hand on Saturday consisting of four Kings. He got beat out by someone with four Aces. I made a guess on a jar of matchbooks with a prize to go with it. My guess was 183, there were 188 matchbooks in the jar and I got beat out by a guess of 187. Darn the luck. I won two door prizes which consisted of a \$10 Walmart gift card, a movie and a candle. I happened to be sitting by the prize table when a young gentleman won a candle holder and he didn't want it so he gave it to me. He was a single guy with no use for it and he said he would just take it to Good Will so now I own it. We also had some awesome food. We ate lunch on Friday at an Amish restaurant and had fried pie for dessert. Was it ever heavenly? On Saturday, we had lunch at a BBQ restaurant. It was also very good. The closing was one hour and 15 minutes so they moved it right along so people could get out of there and get on the road. They did a great job. The rally was held at the Civic Center and they will have it there again next year. It was a very nice place for the rally. The weather was perfect for the ride down and back so that was really nice not to have to worry about bad weather. We had a great time visiting with friends we had not seen for a while. We also had fun touring the city and doing a little bit of shopping since we had never been there before.

Our supper “ride” was on the 4<sup>th</sup> to Marilyn’s in Osage City with 14 in attendance. Brenda and I were the only ones that showed up on less than 4 wheels and with 20/20 hindsight we should have been on 4 also. We had a nice trip to Osage City with no wind ideal temperature and not much traffic. While we were enjoying our food and watching the weather guy pointing out more information than anybody wanted to see about a line of weather west of us (it didn’t even show up as a drizzle prior to leaving Manhattan) a lot of interesting conversations were going on more or less at the same time. After we finished eating a few of us compared radar paints on our phones and I decided to head back to Manhattan via Council Grove, which according to the GPS is the fastest route back. By the time we got to Allen the radar on our GPS was showing us getting closer to rain every minute so we stopped and put on our rain gear and kept riding on. About 8 miles east of Council Grove we got into the harder rain and decided to stop under a canopy in town at one of the gas stations to wait the worst of it out as it looked like it was almost thru town by then. The best plans of mice and men the rain was more or less going sideways when we got there and we couldn’t get out of it and had to go to plan “B”. When I could finally see across the road in the rain and by then small hail (about nickel size and it hurts when it hit) we went about a block and could get out of the rain at Sonic. After sitting there for about 10 minutes things let up and we headed north. By the time we got about 5 miles south of I-70 the road was dry until just outside of Manhattan and then the roads was wet again but the rain had stopped. We arrived home safely and with no damage to anything, but a note to myself, if the weather guy is adamant about thunderstorms etc. then go with a roof over your head.

Brenda and I led the extended ride to the Beaumont hotel with 8 people. The day was almost perfect for riding as the temperature was cool and

the wind wasn't blowing. We departed the Kwik Shop in Topeka taking the "quick" way down on US 75. The traffic was light and we just enjoyed the riding with even the CB staying quiet for the most part. As we were turning into Beaumont I looked up and saw a small tail dragger turning final for the "airfield" and pointed it out to the rest of the riders. Just as we were parking they taxied up the adjoining road and parked. It had been a few years since Brenda & I were there and somebody added an airplane to the mix. They have a Beech 18 tail dragger parked there under the trees. For those that aren't airplane nuts like I am it is an aircraft that is very similar to the one Amelia Earhart was flying when she disappeared. Hers was built by Lockheed but it's pretty hard to tell the difference between the two.

While we were waiting for our food Teresa decided to turn the overhead fan down but couldn't reach the chain. The waitress grabbed a chair and turned it off. While she was on the chair a couple walked in and she turned her head and looked the man straight in the eye. She jumped off the chair and stood beside him and didn't even come up to his shoulder. Naturally somebody had to ask how tall he was and his wife said he had shrunk and was only 6'10" now. She was normal height. I'm not sure how old they were but they appeared to be older than most of us at our table. After the entertainment with the fan the food arrived and all got quiet (Goldwingers can hush a room fast when the food gets there). Everybody commented that their food was excellent. After a leisurely lunch we headed out for our homes. I managed to take a "wrong" turn if there is such a thing on a bike and we ended up heading back thru Cassoday to Emporia where we pretty much split up with Bill & Margaret Hanson going home, John & Teresa taking the big road to Topeka and Jamie & Gayle Conway riding with us to Eskridge and

taking KS 4 back to Topeka while we ended up in Manhattan after a great day of riding.

We held our monthly meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> with 18 people in attendance. Bill started things off leading a discussion about drivers/riders not paying attention on the highway. Almost everybody there had a horror story so there was a lot of information to take in.

Our supper ride in November will be led by Rod & Lara Williams with the destination to be announced. I'm pretty sure the length of ride will be fairly short due to the early sunset this time of year, but anytime you can get together with friends is a good time. Our extended ride will be to Paradise, KS again this year. Al Davis normally leads this ride but won't be able to this year so right now the leader is still to be determined, however we will be going as long as the weather cooperates. Hopefully further information will be available by the supper ride or planning meeting which will both happen prior to then. There is a possibility other chapters will join us along the route to Paradise and as I always say the more the merrier.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of December at the Lyndon community building. Gary & Susan Drake will verify the building is available, since Gary made the reservations last January after a bit of a mix-up last year in scheduling. We will eat at 5 PM and have our gift exchange afterward. The gift exchange will be the same as in earlier years so bring a gender specific gift (gag or otherwise). Keep your cost down on the gift in the range of \$10 give or take a bit. In addition to the gift bring a covered dish. Turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy and dressing will be provided.

At the end of the meeting we held the 50/50 drawing with Al's ticket being drawn four times in a row. It appeared that he had tossed all of the other tickets and just put his in the bag. Sandy made him give back the last three tickets and Brenda finally managed to pull her ticket. I'm beginning to think it might have been rigged. At least somebody won besides Rod & Lara but then they couldn't make the meeting. I'm not complaining but they are the luckiest two on 50/50, ever more lucky than Teresa who manages to win stuff even when she answers questions wrong.

#### Birthdays/Anniversaries for November

Birthdays		Anniversaries
11 Brenda Williams	6	Ron & Marjie Crawford
21 Al Davis	7	Al & Sandy Davis
27 Jamie Conway		
27 Marjie Crawford		

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