

We held our supper ride on the 3rd at Marilyn's in Osage City. We had 11 people show up and only one riding was Sandy Davis. I'm not sure if she came straight from work or not, but all of the others had looked out their windows and decided the prudent mode of transportation was in a covered vehicle. As we were going to the restaurant I told Brenda the weather looked like it was going to make us all wimps. Well that is all but us since it was pouring the rain down when we left the house. Just because the road was dry after we crossed the river out of Manhattan has nothing to do with anything. When we arrived at the restaurant somebody else said pretty much the same thing about the weather. Bill Hanson said he had been watching the weather most of the afternoon and with the rain cells building they decided driving was best also. We finally hit rain coming back into Manhattan so for us it was a smart move with the cooler temperatures that day.

As usual Marilyn's food is great other than the fact they have liver & onions as a special on Tuesday. Margaret Hanson was sitting between Bill and I and had the audacity to order that stuff. Fortunately my sense of smell isn't all that good so it didn't really bother me. We did have a conversation about being required to eat liver as kids and Jamie Conway said that was one of the evenings when he would still be eating supper at 2 a.m. because he was required to finish his meal prior to leaving the table. As for me it was the same thing, but I ended up learning that it tastes just as bad hot or cold. There was one snafu with the meal that can't be left out. Gary and Susan Drake were the first to receive their food and everybody in Chapter C is well aware they ALWAYS get their food last if at all where ever we eat.

Everybody was too full for desert until the waitress mentioned coconut cream pie and John Gull had to have a piece. Teresa being Teresa

didn't want any, however she did have eating tools when the pie came so John didn't get the whole piece which is situation normal when eating near Teresa Gull.

When John finished his pie we all headed our separate ways toward home. I got lucky as I was slowing down for the roundabout north of Lyndon, right at the limits of my lights Bambi decided to stroll across the road in front of me giving me a bit of a thrill. It was at least a 6 point and might have even been an 8 point. He was in no rush as he crossed the road at about the speed of a plow horse (for those that remember them). By the way there was traffic going both ways of which he had no concern. I'm just glad it was where I wasn't going even the speed limit or I would have had a bent pickup.

For our extended ride it ended up being like the supper ride. We had an extended "drive". With the weather looking very threatening to include it raining when we left Manhattan all 9 of us showed up in cars. We consolidated to 3 cars and ended up in Atchison at Paolucci's. With it ending up being a drive instead of a ride we were extremely early. We arrived 45 minutes before they started serving dinner so, with the blessing of our waitress, we watched John Gull eat breakfast from the buffet while the rest of us patiently waited until 11:00 o'clock. Once the magic hour arrived the rest of us ordered and John got to watch us eat. After eating we sat around for quite a while and shot the breeze while it rained with us thanking our lucky stars we didn't have to get into rain gear to go home. The drive back to Topeka was uneventful except for the downpours of rain and high wind from time to time.

We held our monthly meeting on the 17th at Perkins as usual. We had 19 people in attendance. Bill Hanson started things off with a short "test"

he had taken from Rider Magazine. It ask questions such as do you wear ATGATT or not, if you had taken both a basic and advanced motorcycle safety course, if you rode over 5,000 miles a year, read any books on how to improve your riding skills, and if you had had an accident within the last three years. There were a total of 10 questions with each one being worth 100 points. If you had a score of 700 or higher then you were in the “good” zone. In actuality the Chapter as a whole did pretty well with the questions.

We discussed the change in the date for our birthday party and decided we would change it to the latter part of September in hopes that we will get cooler weather, since we all seem to be getting older and liking the hot weather less and less.

We reminded the members that Chapter Q was having their birthday party on November 4th at the Mulvane Community Center 101 E. Main, \$5.00 for bowl of chili and 2 bingo cards. Eat at 6:00, Bingo following the meal with prizes for bingo winners.

Also mentioned was Mid-Winter on January 19-20, 2018 in Park City and the Chapter Christmas party on December 3rd at the Lyndon Community Building. Bring a covered dish and also a gender specific gift for the gift exchange in you desire to participate. The cost of the gift shouldn't be more than \$10 and can be either something useful or a gag gift. Fun is had with either.

With that we had the 50/50 drawing with Earl Barnes winning the larger drawing and Bill Hanson one the smaller drawing.

Birthdays for November

- 11 Brenda Williams
- 13 William Criss
- 18 Galen Umsheid
- 27 Jamie Conway

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