

We ended August with our Chapter Birthday party which was held at John & Teresa Gull's home. We had 28 in attendance to include Everett & Carol Chastain from Chapter F and Gary & Phyllis Vanbuskirk from Chapter P. We had the usual combat croquet this year and I believe it was only played by the ladies as the men were playing some other game that involved trying to put a square bag filled with sand into a round hole. Because I'm a wimp, I didn't spend much time out in the heat and humidity to see who won either game. It did appear that there was no hair pulling or scratching in the croquet game and since all of the men in the chapter are well mannered and sportsmen there was nothing but encouragement in their games.

The food was excellent and plenty of it. Actually quantity of food was just about perfect because there wasn't much left over. I'm not sure if that's because we all ate too much or just got lucky with what was brought. I'll stick with lucky as it's well known that all Goldwingers are in fantastic physical condition at all times. Dairy Queen is the best health food available to anybody.

After ending August on a positive note, September was a very busy month for Chapter C and probably everybody else with all the events going on. We started the month off by going to Wing Ding with John and Teresa Gull. We rode it in two days covering about 500 miles each day and unlike last year for us it was totally an uneventful ride. We didn't go the shortest route having planned on making a short detour into North Dakota just to say we've been there. However while spending the night in Murdo, SD at the Country Inn (highly recommended by yours truly because it's inexpensive \$68, easily found and very clean, quiet and comfortable), I decided since it would be almost a hundred miles farther to go to North Dakota than via Rapid City we just went

straight to Billings. That turned out to not be a bad decision as it was 100 degrees according to my trike when we rolled into Billings. We did make one stop at Wall Drug for an hour or so. If we are ever in that area again I think we will plan on spending about half a day or so in Wall, SD as we didn't really see much but it is an interesting town. I know some of the others from the District stopped at the South Dakota rally prior to going to Wing Ding this year.

After getting to Billings for Wing Ding, it was pretty much a normal rally. Too much money spent, too much walking, and getting to meet both old and new friends. The venue was excellent and very easy to get around. One big plus I saw was no GWRRA members had to sit at the door and check armbands. That was done by some crowd control company and freed everybody up to do what they came to Wing Ding to do.

Again we elected not to stay for closing ceremonies and headed home on Saturday. Brenda and I wanted to re-ride Beartooth Pass and also see Old Faithful. Teresa wasn't comfortable with the idea of going over the pass again so after a short discussion we decided to split up and go home our different ways. The weather couldn't make up its mind when we were getting ready to leave. When we took our stuff out to the trike, it was raining fairly hard so I grabbed the rain gear and we put it on before we went back out. Mother Nature was in a fickle mood and it had almost quit raining when we went back outside. After the four of us ate breakfast at McDonald's, we said our goodbyes and left (it had totally quit raining by then). As said earlier, it was 100 degrees when we arrived. When we departed, it was in the high 40s so it was on with the heated gear. The rode over Beartooth and down thru Yellowstone was well worth it again except for the cattle and buffalo that liked the road

also. As I posted on Facebook, it was not a warm fuzzy when on a trike or bike with those critters wondering down the road. A couple got close enough that I could have reached out and touched them but I didn't due to my age not being dumb enough to give that a try. Last month Rick & Rita Thompson got stopped by Elk on a ride with Sam & Ronda Boling. I have no opinion as to which animal is more dangerous but I'll go with both will ruin your day quick.



After we got away from the critters, we stopped to get some lunch and see Old Faithful do its thing. We had lunch in the Old Faithful Inn and the food was excellent. They had some wild game chili made from bison and elk that was about the best restaurant chili I've ever eaten.

After the eruption, we fueled up and head home. I think it took us over two hours to get out of the 45 mph speed zone which killed the rest of the day. The ride back to Manhattan was uneventful again (I really like those no dodging other drivers, critters or mechanical problems) all the way home other than the WELCOME –TO- KANSAS- WIND. It was a quartering crosswind, which ate up the fuel from the Colorado line all the way to the Ogden exit on I-70.

Our supper ride was a little shy of people, but we managed to get 5 for the ride to Kelly's in Bashor. We got lucky as the burgers were ½ price

and being thrifty people, we all had a burger of some sort. They appeared to be handmade and were very tasty. We had a real good discussion about some of our rides this summer with Al & Sandy recapping their ride to the side car rally in Colorado. Jamie Conway talked a little about the upcoming ride to Marion/Hillsboro for the craft fair. After we finished supper, it ended up being a ride in the dark back to our respective homes. I have a feeling that some of the folks that live farther from Topeka decided not to ride because of the time of year and extra distance from the Kansas City area. That is just a thought as I know some people, including me, don't really care to ride in the dark, if at all possible.

We held our extended ride on Saturday the 17th to Marion & Hillsboro for their craft event. Jamie Conway set up the ride and led the majority of riders to the Saddlerock Café in Council Grove for breakfast. Bill & Margaret Hanson and Brenda & I joined them there. After an enjoyable breakfast with great food and good service, we stopped to fuel and were joined by Sandy Davis just prior to heading for Marion via the scenic route. We had 9 bikes and 15 people when we all got linked up. The weather couldn't have been much better for a ride. The sun was out with no wind and the temperature stayed very comfortable. Both Marion and Hillsboro had a lot to offer in the way of arts, crafts, and food. We even saw what appeared to be the line-up for a motorized scooter type wheelchair drag race but it turned out to just be two senior citizens sitting in the middle of the street having a conversation. We were letting the ladies shop while the guys found some shade to sit in and enjoy watching the crowd. There is a lot to be said about not tagging along with the wife while they are at a place like that-- next thing you know your hands will be full of stuff. We had planned on departing for home at 3:30; however there was an announcement made over the PA system

that they would be closing up at 4:00 so a joint decision was rapidly made and we departed at 3:00 to beat the mass departure. When we got back to the parking lot, it was decided that it was picture time and as you can see a wide angle lens would have been helpful. It appears that Chapter C might need to change its name to the trike chapter as seen here. There is only one two wheeled machine and I have it on fairly good authority it will be gaining a wheel this winter. I don't know if it's old age or for medical reasons but it sure seems like a lot of us are going to three wheels, myself included and for me it makes riding a lot more enjoyable for the most part.



After the photo op, it was off to Hillsboro for the next stop. Our “fearless” leader who is always afraid of getting lost (how you get lost on a motorcycle is beyond me, maybe temporarily misoriented but never lost) managed to bypass 3 signs going into Hillsboro, 2 pointing to the business district and the third pointing to the craft show. It was later explained by another person sticking up for him that he wanted to demonstrate a slow U turn in formation resulting in a change of ride leader and he quickly agreed to the suggestion.

The ride back home apparently wasn't all that uneventful. Rick Thompson had to make a quick stop in Emporia because he got stung by something. He never figured out what but getting stung isn't fun. Also Earl & Lennie Barnes didn't ride to Hillsboro with us. Instead they went shopping for antiques, but did manage to link back up with the main group when they got on the turnpike. Now that is good timing in my book. Brenda and I missed the fun because we split off on US 77 for Manhattan.

We held our monthly meeting at Perkins with 21 in attendance. We had two couples visiting from Chapter H, Dale & Georgeanna Trisch and Don & Carma Gray.

Things started off as usual with Bill Hanson giving a short presentation on safety, highlighting that the corn and milo harvest is in full swing. With all the moisture we've had lately in addition to the increase of farm equipment and grain trucks on the roads, they are also putting a lot of mud and debris on the road surface, which can lead to unexpected slippery conditions. In addition he mentioned that it won't be long before Bambi starts to get excited and the possibility of deer crashes will escalate so everybody should be extra aware from now until after the rut

is finished. Bill also said he received an e-mail from Bill Tucker saying the trike course had been cancelled due to lack of registrations and wouldn't be rescheduled this year.

There was a technical problem with the newsletter on the Chapter website and the pictures included wouldn't post, however they did make it in the District newsletter and can be seen on the district website. A solution has been identified and shouldn't happen again in the future.

Bill & Margaret Hanson will be leading the October supper ride to Marilyn's in Osage City on the 4th leaving from the Kwik Shop at 45th and SW Topeka Blvd with a helmet time of 6:00 pm. The extended ride will be on the 8th led by Brenda & I to the Beaumont Hotel with a helmet time of 9:00 am from the same location. That ride will be going via US 75 initially if anybody desires to meet us along the route either drop an e-mail to me or call so we will be looking for you.

Randy Benteman and Rick Thompson briefed an upcoming ride hosted by the GL1800 rider.com forum to Northwest Arkansas October 6-7-8-9 in Harrison. They will be staying at the Quality Inn Harrison phone 870-741-7676 for reservations and tell them you are with the Honda motorcycle group and they will give you the special rate. If you plan on attending the ride contact Rick at Thompson_1234@msn.com or 785-231-0835 for location and time to meet up with the group. There are no fees, vendors or anything like that. Just good roads to ride, great places to eat and some time to just sit around and enjoy yourself. Also in October, Region H is having a Fall Foliage Ride October 21-23 in the Hot Springs area one day and Marble Falls are the second day with other events planned. A flyer for the event is on the Region H website.

It was decided to hold our annual planning meeting in November as is normal for the chapter. It will be on the 5th at 2:00pm. At the Gull's home 4020 SE 34th Terrace, Topeka. Sandy Davis will bring chili and it's requested other attendee's bring a covered dish. We hope to finalize the events calendar at that time avoiding conflicts with any known events at District, Region or the Home Office if possible.

With nothing further to do we held the 50/50 drawing with Lennie Barnes wining the large one and Lara Williams the small one.

Birthdays for October

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Don & Brenda Williams

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