

Wing Ding ended August with Clifford & Tiffany Criss and Brenda & I being the only members of Chapter C to venture to Texas, even though we didn't even see each other while there. With everything going on down there it was a toss-up for how miserable the weather would be considering Texas at that time of year and all the rain the hurricane brought to the state. With how far it was from the coast it ended up being a moot point but we got lucky in that the temperatures stayed within reason the entire time we were there.

The ride down was very enjoyable as we got to ride along with Joe Wicham, who had moved to Marysville ,from all places Weatherford, TX, within the last year and by using the Gold Book gave me a call and we worked it out to get an early start to beat the heat. The ride was good with real good weather, considering we left with our Gerbings turned on a low setting and taking them off at the first fuel stop. The only negative part to the entire ride was that stretch of I-35 in Oklahoma that they call a road and I call a washboard. Somebody needed to explain to the inspectors that when you build a concrete highway that smooth is much better than rough.

Wing-Ding's turn-out was way down in my opinion. I'm not sure what the reasons were but I have my ideas, which probably won't be near what GWRRA will say. It appeared to me the vendor count was down also, however there were plenty of places to spend your money and a whole lot more when you walked out of the vendor area to the "*food court*". I have no idea why they thought a plain hotdog was worth \$4.00 even considering it was one of the jumbo ones and also why the candy bar or bag of chips which weren't the jumbo ones were \$3.00.

We didn't go watch the drill teams, because from Grapevine to the race track where they had the drill teams, it was 40 minutes away, and that was with no traffic to speak of. It beats me why it was there, probably something to do with insurance

We had our supper ride on the 5th with Sandy Davis leading seven of us to Amigo's in Pamona. I think it's the first time the Chapter has eaten there and the food was excellent with good service. We had some good conversations rehashing how Wing Ding went and also the saga of Jamie and Gayle Conway going someplace for their 50th anniversary with their two children. The first choice was Mexico but with the State department recommending that folks don't go there right now they elected to change the destination to the Dominican Republic with a departure from Miami on the 8th. With a Hurricane fast on its way to Miami, who knows where their final destination ended up being. Some suggested locations were New Jersey and Canada so you get the idea. After not being able to figure that one out we said heck with it and headed home.

Our extended ride was rescheduled for the 9th, which is our normal date because of the change in the date for the district ride. Our destination was to be determined when we got to the Kwik Shop. After a short discussion the six of us decided to go to the Wagon Wheel Café in Marysville. That location was recommended by Joe Wicham as a good place to eat. When we got into Marysville it appeared that Brenda and my reputation for finding restaurants closed had preceded us, since the street the restaurant is on was closed for a bicycle event. We got lucky after walking down and finding the place open. The recommendation was spot on as the food was excellent and if you go away hungry it's your fault. Bill Hanson ordered a club sandwich and I swear they took how they made it from the comic strip Blondie and Dagwood for those

of you that remember that. After we waddled out we pointed ourselves toward home and didn't waste any time getting there, however it turned out to be a very good ride and great weather for it.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 19th with 16 members present. John and I (Teresa) Sled the meeting because Don had eye surgery the same day repairing a tear duct. All went well but he looked like Brenda had gotten the best of him. He had a pretty black eye. When I talked to him Tuesday night he was feeling pretty decent but aggravated because he couldn't put his glasses on to read. Rick and Rita were in St. Louis for a follow-up appointment for her back. We all hope she gets a good report. She had been doing so well and is so happy she is back on the trike again with no pain.

For the safety tip, Bill brought up the question about looking where you are going on a trike compared to a bike. Everyone came to the consensus that it is the same, even in a car. John talked about when he first started riding and I informed him that was eons ago because he probably started riding at 14 so he really meant when he started riding as a concerned adult. There was a discussion about avoiding potholes if you are riding a bike or a trike. Rick's tire situation was discussed. He has a split in his tire that he had to change out.

Don had planned to talk about the Wing Ding but Tiffany gave us a brief rundown. This was her first Wing Ding and she really enjoyed it. She rode down by herself (brave girl) and her husband joined her later. He had to stay back a work a couple more days.

The Chapter C birthday party was discussed. Everyone mentioned how much fun it was. However, it was extremely hot and most of us are getting to the point where we can't deal with the heat. Everyone agreed that moving it to September would be a good thing. So, at this point, it will probably be the third Saturday in September but this is not

confirmed as we will have our planning meeting in November and pin it down with a definite date then. I read a thank you card that we got from Maurice Graves from Chapter B. We enjoyed having him as our guest. We mentioned all of the upcoming events for the chapter and the district. We handed out flyers for the district campout and mid-winter rally. Sandy Davis will be our new chapter individual that will replace our chapter couple.

John and Teresa won the first 50/50 and Tiffany won the second one.

Birthdays for October

3 Gary Drake

10 Earl Barnes

Don & Brenda Williams
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