

Again the Chapter had a meet and eat for our supper ride. We met at Cook's American Grill in Topeka. We had 11 people there. The food was excellent and the staff handled our mass arrival with ease and speed. The place is a bit on the small side but we managed for all to be seated close enough that we could carry on conversations without being tossed out on our ears for being too noisy. I don't know if we solved all of the world's problems or not but we did manage to keep everybody entertained long enough that we almost had to be asked to leave so they could close up shop for the day.

Rick Thompson and I managed to get to the District Kansas summit in Hutchinson. It was a bit cool in the morning with the temperature in the mid to high 30's on the ride down. This being basically a first of its kind event I was curious as to how it would turn out. I heard the number 45 being tossed around for how many were there. I have to say I was pleasantly surprised at how smooth and informative everything was. I think every class started precisely on time. I know the four I attended did and all were excellent classes. It didn't matter if they were called seminars or modules all were both informative and enjoyable to listen to thanks to the instructors not just standing up there and reading slides. It's just my opinion, but the way the seminar was set up and executed needs very little if any improvements.

I'm not sure who all brought the food but there was plenty of it and what I tried was excellent. The most important part for me was that the coffee was fresh and hot when I arrived and after two hours on the trike it tasted mighty fine.

We held our monthly meeting at Perkins on the 20th with 20 people in attendance. Bill Hanson started things off with asking what kind of tools we carried when riding. It was a wide range of items carried from various wrenches to do minor repairs to lug wrenches and breaker bars to be able to remove rear tires. Bill said he now carries a scissors jack in his trike. Two other items mentioned were tire plugging kits with CO2 cartridges and the rechargeable devices used to jump bikes.

Next on the agenda was the discussion of dates, times and place for the various MSF courses in Wichita. There are three different courses scheduled for April and May with the dates listed on the District website.

Our supper ride for April will be the first leaving from the Kwik Shop at 45th and S Topeka Blvd going to Boomers in Holton and led by John and Teresa Gull. We won't be having an extended ride in April, however if anybody wants to get up an impromptu ride either send out emails or call you never know who might want to get out of the house and ride.

There will be a District ride April 28-29 to Bentonville, AR. Information for this event is available on the District website. For those that haven't been in the Bentonville area before there are actually several different attractions that are either free or minimal cost within that area from Bentonville to Fayetteville.

The District Rally will be in Pittsburg, KS on Jun 14-16 with a flyer and registration form available on the District website.

Tiffany Criss' birthday was also Tuesday night but I was unable to talk her into buying supper for everybody even though I thought it was a good idea. She was good natured about it and just laughed in my face which was about what I expected.

With that we held the 50/50 drawing with Brenda winning the large one and Bill winning the smaller one.

We held our maintenance day on the 24th at Ken and Arlene Felch's home with all attendees having a very successful time of it and managing to not get any grease or dirt on our hands. Our chapter members are the ones that tend to do maintenance when it's needed not putting it off until later.

We had 15 people with plenty of food and Ken's smoked burgers and his never-to-be-forgotten-cookies. I don't know if we made enough noise to bother the neighbors but the inside of the house was fairly noisy with,

what seemed to me to be everybody having a great time. The people bringing the food all had their priorities pretty much correct. The majority of the items were deserts and we all know there are no calories in a desert. We even had healthy food with real vegetables and everything. After a few hours we slowly drifted off home letting Ken and Arlene get back to normal without doing too much damage to their house.

Birthdays for the month of April are:

6 Lara Williams

7 Susan Drake

Don & Brenda Williams
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