

Brenda and I weren't able to make the supper ride this month so Teresa Gull provided the below ride report:

Our May supper ride took us to Ridge Iron Grill in Osage City on the 2nd. Twelve people were in attendance. Unfortunately, due to the strong winds, everyone went in some sort of four-wheel vehicle. We all had a great time and lots of laughs. The restaurant has only been open for three weeks so they have some improving to do. It took a really long time to get our food and it did not all come out at the same time. The general consensus was that the food was just ok. I'm not sure it was worth the wait that we had though. The owner came by and asked me if the food was good and if I got full. Nothing was said about the extremely long wait as far as I know. I might be willing to give it another try but will wait until they have been open for a while longer. Hopefully, they will make a go of it.

The weather finally cooperated with the district rider education people so Brenda and I were able to attend the Trike trailering course in Wichita on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Just to keep things simple and short the course was excellent and well planned, besides they even fed us a great lunch. The instructors did a great job keeping everybody on task and not wasting time. It wasn't miserable but the temperature was in the 80s and for this early in the year that was plenty hot enough for us out on the parking lot. Whoever wrote that backing portion of the lesson might need to rethink the tasks since one was a parallel park and another was a 90 degree back. Both lessons drew almost everybody's comments that, if this maneuver was required in real life, we would go elsewhere and walk. With those short trailers they will get away from the rider in a heartbeat and you will have to start over.

Our extended ride was on the 12<sup>th</sup> with six people going to Marilyn's in Osage City. It was almost a perfect day to ride other than a bit of wind. I'm not sure the route Bill took us on but it was scenic and relaxing. We got to the restaurant at the perfect time. It wasn't crowded so we got our food quick and with good service. I think both Gary Drake and I found out that when you get a chef's salad there you need to be hungry. That thing was big enough to feed a whole family of rabbits along with a couple of dogs. They could almost have called it a ham salad. They are very liberal with their ham and it is also very good ham.

Since we took a longer route to the restaurant and because Bill had to cut his grass prior to heading out for Arkansas, with some friends from Emporia, we all split up and headed to respective homes. For Brenda and I it totaled about 225 miles which is a nice Saturday ride.

Our meeting was scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> as usual. When 7:00 p.m. rolled around we had a total of 5 people. It seemed “little” things like graduations, going with grandkids just for company for them on a long drive, motorcycle ride with friends kept our numbers down. With our lack of folks we just ate supper and had a bull session that lasted about an hour and then went on our merry ways.

It had nothing to do with the chapter per say, but 6 of us ended up at Niehaus Cycle Sales on the 19<sup>th</sup> for their customer appreciation days, Brenda, myself and John & Teresa Gull rode as far as St. Peters, MO and it started to rain so we found a motel quick. The next morning we rode to Litchfield and met up with Rick Thompson and Galen Umsheid along with Galen’s brother and Dennis Kramer from Chapter F. The others were doing another one of those four letter word things (camping). Niehaus put on a good event. There were demo rides available on the new Goldwing and quite a few vendors. J & M treated our chapter extremely well consider Rick, Teresa, Brenda and I all got our helmets repaired for the grand cost of nothing. After spending several hours there we all decided to leave with the other four heading back to their campgrounds and the Gull’s and us heading toward home on a scenic route via Hannibal, MO spending the night in Kingdom City, MO. After a night of thunderstorms we headed west the next morning in the rain and pretty much rode the entire distance in the rain. All in all the weekend was well worth it even with four hours of getting wet.

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