

We held our supper ride on the 2nd; we went to Guy & Mae's BBQ in Williamsburg with a total of 8 people, 1 car and 3 trikes. Odd for chapter C this year, we had perfect weather for the trip. The only reason it wasn't a perfect ride was because it was dark when we headed home and it's that time of year when critters get more active and suicidal.

While we were eating, the subject of whether or not this location was too far from Topeka for a supper ride. It was agreed by all that the distance was fine; however we do need to schedule it in the summer when it doesn't get dark so early.

As usual the BBQ was excellent but the one thing you have to remember is they only take cash, but that's not really a problem as they have an ATM machine inside the building. I was kidding Margaret Hanson that I was going to time her eating her ribs and she just chuckled. She got her order and I said start the clock. As I was sitting beside her I'm pretty sure this is a correct statement. She started eating and the only time she said anything was when she ask Bill if he wanted a bite otherwise she stayed on mission and made the ribs disappear. When she finished she asked me how long it took. All I said was it's a pleasure seeing somebody enjoying their food like she does when we go there.

After we finished eating we decided to go home via big roads so we took off heading south on I-35 with me in the lead planning on going to Beto Junction then picking up US-75 north to Topeka. I ended up putting "home" into my GPS with fastest route which put us on I-35 then I never paid any attention to what "Betty" was saying and she routed us thru Melvern which put us on a "little" road for a few minutes and also giving me the opportunity of missing the first turn and taking the scenic

route through town. We all did manage to get home in one piece and I for one didn't see any critters at all.

Our extended ride was the 13th to Paolucci's in Atchison with 5 people driving/riding 1 car and 2 trikes. It appeared the foggy and cool weather, along with some people being on trips or having medical problems, all of this had kept the majority of our chapter in short supply. When it was time to head for Paolucci's, Sandy Davis, driving her car, did a great job of leading us there.

When we got there the cashier said to sit where we wanted to and a waitress started leading us into the restaurant to find a table. We followed the lady leading us and as per our standard, when arriving anyplace, we were seated in the back so as not to interfere with other people eating. Surprisingly we weren't loud this time we just quietly ordered our food and manage to really confuse our waitress. She managed to get most of our orders crossed up even though she had all the food correct. I think the only thing she didn't get mixed up with was Brenda and Teresa's meal, which by the way was the same thing.

After a leisurely meal we all headed back toward Topeka and on to our respective homes with virtually ideal weather for riding.

Our meeting was on the 16th with 15 in attendance. Bill pointed out the harvest is still going on and there is a lot of dirt/mud on the back roads along with the leaves that are starting to fall. We also discussed the problem of it getting dark earlier this time of year and the threat of animals being on the move. I hadn't read it prior to the meeting but there is a good article in Wing Word on the letters page that points out that the most active time for deer is dusk to dawn and that both dusk and

dawn are even more active because the deer are either going to or from their feeding areas and bedding areas.

After discussing the safety area I pointed out one of my poorer attempts at troubleshooting audio problems on the bike. When we went to Atchison, Brenda's microphone was "broken" I tried checking with my helmet and multiple cables and combinations of cables to no avail so she rode all the way without being able to transmit. After I got home I had some time so I pulled the seat and checked the intercom cable for the passenger and it appeared fine. After fighting to get the seat back on for what seemed like forever, I even called Rick Thompson to get a phone number of a man he knows that is pretty sharp with electronics. I didn't call him right away so that saved me a lot of embarrassment. As I was going to bed I thought "you dummy" you didn't check the push to talk switch to see if the microphone had gotten turned off. Sure enough the next morning I checked and it was. I made a note to myself that if she can't talk, my first check is look for the little red light.

John didn't renew the internet yet since it's working fine and we've decided to wait until we have to spend the money on the upgrade since it's not broken we won't fix it yet.

I also reminded the group that we needed to identify a new Chapter director and newsletter editor and advised them I couldn't be talked into extending in either position.

I also gave the dates and locations for Mid-winter and the District Rally for 2019. Teresa also gave the dates for the Missouri rally May 30-Jun 1 in Branson. She also stated they would have a train ride that sounded like it would be worth taking.

I saw in Chapter F's October newsletter that Chris Grooms (district MEC) said that Kansas was now part of Hawaii/Maryland group and no longer part of the Southwest group of the US. It said it came from National and puts Kansas in a different territory for events. Since that confused me, I sent Chris an email and here is what I received in return: *We are now in the Hawaii-Maryland area. My understanding from a conversation with Dan Costello, Anita thought the way territories were laid out was too confusing. Her fix was to realign territories alphabetically!*

If Hawaii, Kansas and Maryland are grouped alphabetically, what states are Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky and Louisiana grouped with?

As was quickly pointed out by more than one person at the meeting this 'alphabetical train of thought' doesn't make sense, so there is still some confusion. I myself don't see any of our group of three states joining in events, since the absolute closest distance is the approximate 1,000 miles between Kansas and Maryland.

We will be holding our planning meeting on the 3rd of November at 2:00. Again John & Teresa will be hosting us in their home, thank you. Sandy will be providing chili and everyone is requested to bring a covered dish.

Our November supper ride will be on the 6th meeting at Annie's Café at 6:00 p.m. in Topeka Gage center. Our extended ride will again be to Leavenworth, KS to ride in the Veterans Day parade on the 11th. We will be meeting at the west end in the parking lot of Dillon's North in Topeka at 8:00 a.m. Rick and Rita will be leading the ride and Rick has

already taken care of getting us registered. In my opinion it is the best Veterans Day parade around. No candy is thrown so kids don't get hurt darting out to scoop it up. It starts on time and flows well with very little starting and stopping. We will be riding to the 4 Corners restaurant in Riverside, MO after the parade unless we have to make a last minute change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Brenda brought up the fact our Chapter shirts are looking old and faded and that several new people don't have them at all. Sandy will be looking into getting prices, a color chart and a list of the different types of shirts to be purchased, all of which will be discussed and decided on at a later date.

With that we did the 50/50 drawing with Bill winning the large one and Brenda the small one.

We only have birthdays in November and no Anniversaries.

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