

The month of May started out as the best of the year for riding. We held out supper ride on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with Brenda and I leading the gang to Froggy's in St. Marys with 7 bikes and 12 people. The ride out was very good with almost perfect weather. The fun started after we got to the restaurant. Our waitress was about as organized as mass confusion. She took our drink orders and as she was passing out the beverages she had no clue as to who got what. After we got our drinks she took our orders for food and that's when it got real interesting. To start with Rick Thompson didn't have any silverware (no big deal right). He asks for some and she said okay. After about 3 passes by the table and taking Brenda's tea glass for a refill she came back with water and an, oops I'm sorry, to Rick. I gave Rick my silverware which turned out to not be a problem since I didn't have any food yet. Rick was probably ½ finished with his huge burrito by then. The waitress stopped by Bill Hanson's seat and informed him they were out of cole slaw so he got to order potato salad instead. Other orders came to the table in strange portions, soup but no salad, salad but no soup, depending where you sat. There was still nothing much to complain about, I mean, everyone eventually received their orders-sort of. Finally everybody was pretty much finished eating and the waitress came and ask if everything was okay and Brenda and I spoke up asking where our food was. The look on the waitress was like the credit card commercial, priceless. She was totally shocked as she hadn't even put our order in and had forgotten what we ordered. We finally got our orders after everybody else finished eating, which was over an hour after we ordered. On the plus side the food was excellent, however I'm not sure if we will take another chapter ride there again since we do have members that have to work the next day. Brenda and I were polite and ate fairly quickly so we could all get headed toward our respective homes.

Bill and Margaret Hanson led our breakfast ride to Marilyn's with 4 bikes and 8 people. Needless to say the service was much better than for our supper ride. It was a bit cool when we left the Kwik Shop. Even though Marilyn no longer owns the restaurant they still have really good food and it doesn't matter what time of day either. After we finished eating and decided to head out for a little longer ride Rod and Lara Williams said they had to go back home since they are preparing for a trip to as a minimum Germany, Austria, and Switzerland at the end of the month. With us down to 3 bikes, which made no difference, and off we went to points unknown. When Bill is leading a ride he always has a plan and it's normally not

near any large road. We meandered throughout, I think about all off Coffey County on some roads we had been on before and quite a few that we hadn't. The traffic was light and for the most part the wind wasn't blowing much. After about 100 miles of this we ended up in Ottawa at Poncho's and ate a lunch that nobody actually needed but that didn't matter. After leaving Ottawa we more or less headed toward Topeka with Bill & Margaret dropping off just north of Lyndon and Jamie & Gayle Conway breaking off in Topeka leaving Brenda and I with the advantage of an additional 60 miles of riding to get home. Bill did a great job leading and everybody was home by 5:00 pm.

We held our monthly meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Perkins with 20 people in attendance. It was a short meeting with Bill starting things off with a discussion on the merits of a swivel hitch on trailers. Almost everybody had an opinion as to the pros and cons of the necessity of the hitch. For the most part people thought the hitch was worth it on a bike and not really needed on a trike since a trike doesn't lean. Bill did mention that he had read where an individual had turned a trike over while taking a safety course. John Gull related an incident on the range during the Region H rally a couple of years ago where he was testing the limits of his trike and lifted the inside wheel high enough to require he put his foot down to keep it from tipping over. It was also brought up that the Wing World "safety" issue had some good articles in it on safe riding.

The members all thanked Ken and Arlene Felch again for the use of their facilities on maintenance day and it was also brought up that unbeknown to the members that Ken & Arlene had furnished the meat for the lunch. From the membership again thank you very much Ken & Arlene that was not expected but is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events were discussed. Chapter H is sponsoring a Poker run in Hesston on June 4<sup>th</sup> to benefit the victims of the Excel shooting. First bike out at 9:00 and last out at 10:00 cost \$20 per hand with a second hand for \$5. The exact location wasn't announced, however Hesston isn't that big so it should be easy to find. John & Teresa will be leading the supper ride on June 7<sup>th</sup> to Poncho's in Ottawa leaving the Kwik Shop at 45<sup>th</sup> and Topeka Blvd at 6:00 pm. Rick and Rita Thompson will be leading the extended ride on June 11<sup>th</sup> to Weston leaving a different location Dillion's on Highway 24 at 9:00 am. Also the District East ride

is on the 11<sup>th</sup> to Atchison Cray castle. The district campout will be held June 17-18 at Santa Fe Cove on Council Grove Lake with a breakfast ride on Sunday to Manhattan. Last but not least the Mid-Winter Rendezvous will be Jan 20-21 at the Park City Best Western.

With that we had the 50/50 drawing with Rod & Lara Williams winning the large prize for the 3<sup>rd</sup> month in a row and Bill & Margaret winning the small drawing. I guess Rod & Lara have been saving up to buy trinkets on their trip.

Birthdays

1 Teresa Gull

15 Sandy Davis

28 John Gull

Anniversaries

30 Don & Deb McCollough

***Don & Brenda Williams***

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