

We held our annual maintenance day at the home of Ken and Arlene Felch with 19 people in attendance. It wasn't a very good day for riding because of an intermittent drizzle. There was really no maintenance accomplished since Rick Thompson was the only one who checked out anything. Rick wanted to learn where to lube the drive shaft on his Hannigan trike. He also talked with Bill Hanson about a noise in his Colorado trailer and he decided he needed to check the axle. The wheels were taken off and it was discovered the bushings on the shocks were gone. With this not being a "normal" maintenance item, it was a good catch. Rick just put the trailer back together and took it home so he could order repair parts. Other than the checks made by Rick, no other work was done but since work is a four letter word that's a good thing. We spent the rest of the day eating (did I say Ken cooks a mean burger and great cookies) and telling stories. Things broke up around 3 o'clock and everybody went on their merry way.

Because of circumstances beyond our control, Brenda and I were unable to attend the supper ride on the 5<sup>th</sup>, so Teresa Gull was kind enough to provide the following for the supper ride: Our supper ride took us to Marilyn's Restaurant in Osage City with John and Teresa leading the ride. It was a bit windy but not too bad. We had two trikes, one bike and two cars with eight people in attendance. Even though we had a small group, we had a great time with good food as usual. Some of us ordered sirloin steaks that were very good. Al and Sandy braved the liver and onions special. They always enjoy that (unlike many others - Yuk!). We had a variety of conversations with lots of laughter. We missed Don and Brenda being there. They were on their way home from their home state of West Virginia. We also missed the others that couldn't attend. We left shortly after we ate so that those working the next day could get home at a reasonable time.

We held our monthly meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Perkins restaurant with 20 people in attendance. The meeting started off with a spirited discussion on group riding. Some of the items touched on dealt with how passes are conducted, keeping “chatter” down on the radio in order to allow for important information to be broadcast, how many bikes should be in a group, leaving room for the bike behind when passing another vehicle and also the importance of scanning well in front of your bike even if in the middle of the pack and the importance of somebody being in “charge” of the ride in order to keep it organized (this is in addition to a group leader or drag) when there will be more than one group on the ride. There were several examples given by various attendees.

The trike course on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May is filling up fast if not already full. If interested contact Bill Tucker. His information is available on the district website.

John Gull brought up the fact that Ken and Arlene did a fantastic job for maintenance day and that it was one of our best ones yet. They have a great garage and manage to put up with us every year with no complaints.

Our extended rides start up in May with Brenda & I leading the supper ride on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to Ramblers in Wamego, leaving the Kwik Shop at 45<sup>th</sup> and Topeka Blvd at 6:00 pm. Bill & Margaret will be leading the extended ride, May 14, to Marilyn’s in Osage City for breakfast, departing the Kwik Shop at 8:30 am.

With no further business to conduct, we held the 50/50 drawing with Rod & Lara Williams winning the large drawing for the second month in a row and Ron & Marjie Crawford winning the small drawing.

The district rally was held on 22-23<sup>rd</sup> with 5 people from Chapter C in attendance. Nobody came home “rich”, however I think everybody from the chapter got a prize of some kind and some even got more than one (Teresa). There was a good turnout with quite a lot of activities and with several vendors available to take your money. The venue was very nice with easy access to everything and plenty of parking along with many places to eat to include quite a few within walking distance.

The food prior to closing ceremonies was good with the exception that Doris didn't get desert tossed in, but as I was informed by several women vegetables are a lot better than desert, wherever that came from? (I think every lady I ask the question of was on a diet). Doris was bailed out by at a minimum of one but probably more ladies contributing baked goods on the sly after closing ceremonies. One name I heard was Sheila Tucker but from what I heard and experienced, it was all good. A big thank you to the ladies and also Doris is off the hook since we all had the opportunity to get desert.

The talent show was a success with Ahab the Arab showing up and giving some kind of explanation about his camel to the Ray Stevens song, however the lyrics were changed making it hard to understand the words with so much laughing going on. He was followed later by Steve Bockhaus who came up with some kind of game requiring two people to basically argue by only asking questions. His wife Terry picked the contestants and she was a bit discriminatory as she didn't pick any women. The six of us men chosen had no clue what to expect but a game effort was made by all and the team I ended up on actually “won” the thing with the grand prize for winning being a great big NOTHING. Oh well you win some you lose some and some get rained out.

Next year's rally date and location has yet to be determined, however I hope it will be at least as good as this year or even better. The whole gang that planned and executed it are to be commended.

#### May Birthdays and Anniversaries

##### Birthday

6 Don Williams

##### Anniversary

2 John & Teresa Gull

15 Gary & Susan Drake

19 Bill & Margaret Hanson

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