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From the Chapter Director

Our last Chapter A meeting was held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at Piccadilly's restaurant on Hurstbourne Lane. Please make welcome new members Al and Virginia Vabuer from LaGrange and Tony Blunk from Louisville. Thank you all for joining us.

We also had company from the District staff including District Directors Ray and Kathy Conrad and the newly appointed District Couple of the Year Glen and Wanda Creech from Winchester. Three additional chapters were in attendance to try and capture the Traveling Plaque. Chapter C from Lexington, Chapter W from Winchester, and Chapter N from Dry Ridge were all hoping to get lucky. And the plaques goes to.....Chapter W.. again. They don't seem to be tired of winning. There was plenty of hooting and hollering going on. Congratulations Chapter W. We will be seeing you all sooner than later.

Jim spoke about the Ironman. There were twelve volunteers last month from Chapter A that participated in the Ironman as the moto escort team. Lots of good praises were heard. No mishaps reported and \$1230 was earned by those who took part for the Chapter. Thank you very much to those who volunteered. And thank you Jim for serving a point man for the event for the third year in a row. You guys represent Chapter A well.

Jim also spoke about the occasional frustrating experience at a stop light that won't be tripped by a motorcycle so he purchased a specific type of magnet that attaches to the underside of the bike that "convinces" the light to change. He brought extra for those who were interested. It sure beats having to turn right and go down the street to turn around .

Rick shared with everyone his take on the recent ride to Gravel Switch, Kentucky, to

Pen's General Store. It is the oldest operating general store in the United States under one family name. He was sure impressed by the out house races and was rallying interest to participate next year. Joann won a bike show during the visit and brought home a sizable trophy. Good thing she rides a trike and could strap it in the back seat. Looks like we will be penciling in another road trip to Gravel Switch next September. Pictures are already posted on the web page.

Don shared with us his recent experience when he entered a turn at a good speed and the turn got tighter than expected. He maintained his composure and leaned the bike as he was taught instead of hitting the brakes. He felt the back tire slip when it hit the center line but thankfully they did not go down. It got his attention though. Don, we appreciate you sharing your experience so we may all learn from it.

Our Chapter picnic will be Sunday, October 11, 2009, at Taylorsville Lake State Park. Mark your calendars and plan on bringing a dish. The Chapter will provide the meat for the grill, drinks, utensils, plates, and condiments. Please bring an appetizer, fruit, vegetable, OR a dessert. We will have bike games again this year. Look for details and directions on the web page.

High mileage will conclude at the October meeting. Jo has a commanding lead for the women riders. It is a closer race for the men. Mike, Mary, Stephen, and Lani rode out West last month. We will see soon how that changes the statistics. A few pictures were shared of their out West adventure. All I could say was how incredibly beautiful.

A shirt order has been submitted for the Chapter. The biggest request this year was for the polo shirts. I am hopeful the shirts will be available for the October meeting.

The meeting concluded with 50/50, door prizes, drawing for the plaque and the collection of the high mileage statistics in the parking lot. We ended up at the Homemade Pie Kitchen after the meeting for dessert. Thankfully we got home before the rain.

Take care everyone and ride safe.

Terry and Karen

Rider Education News: no article submitted

Meet The Chapter: Say “Hello” to Joann Roth

I have been asked graciously, and maybe unwisely, to tell how my bike riding adventure began. As a grandmother, my life had become somewhat mundane so I looked around to find some sort of activity to occupy my time or at the very least stop the ever-increasing bonding time I had with my mop bucket. In my search I found that I suck at bowling; I am too short for basketball; the swim team had its quota of fat chicks; and the rest of the search only got worse.

So David (my ex-husband) had a bike and put me on the back of his little shadow and a untamed piglet was born. Being a woman of creature comforts, his shadow and my backside quickly became incompatible. Then, the first mistake happened in search for true happiness and world peace (oh all right, all I wanted to do was get out of the house.) I bought a Harley. I know the shame of this admission is one I will have to wear a long time along with the hearing aids that I now need. After a while my sanity, my aching back and my newly stained garage floor required a different option.

I decided a Wing was what I needed. Unfortunately, the step stool needed for me to get on the bike did not look very cool and the fact that my feet did not touch the ground did cause me some concern. Happily, for all concerned, including the general public at large, there was a answer to my dilemma that did not require really big platform shoes. I could take that beautiful bike and add a third wheel! Somewhat like a moth becomes a butterfly (on second thought) a tadpole becomes a frog and with no national news coverage, my inner diva was unleashed.

I took that one little wheel and started piling on glitz. I went right to the edge of good taste and jumped off. While my children are for the most part mortified by this transformation, my grandson thinks I am cool. I ride a bike. I have a play station 3. And I have an I Pod, not to mention I know all of the words to that *new* song, “I love rock and roll!” Yup, life is good for a untamed piglet. When is the next ride?

Joann

Kentucky District News

Ray and Kathy Conrad will be ending their three year tenure as Kentucky District Directors this October, 2009. Assistant District Directors Dave (Buddy) and Jeannie McKenzie will become the District Directors as of November 1, 2009. Ray and Kathy have assured us they will continue to take part in GWRRA. They have been members since 1990 and have held an officer's position for most of that time. Ray also commented they have attended every District Rally since 1988. Now that's dedication. Thank you both for your hard work and commitment to GWRRA. We appreciate all that you have done.

Money earned from this summer's District cookbook sale will soon be distributed to each Chapter.

Glenn and Wanda Creech of Chapter W in Winchester, Kentucky, have been named the Kentucky District Couple of the Year. We had the pleasure of meeting them both when they attended Chapter A's meeting on September 19th. Congratulations.

A new chapter is forming in Somerset, Kentucky. Tentative plans for a kick off meeting are being made for November, 2009. Details will be forth coming.

The Traveling Plaque will be in Winchester, Kentucky, Chapter W, on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

Wings Over Smokies will be held in Fletcher, North Carolina, on September 24-26, 2009.

Rally in the Valley will be held in Salem, Virginia, October 9-11, 2009.

Appalachian Adventure will be held in Gray, Tennessee, on October 29-31, 2009.

October Celebrations



Birthdays

Mike Lebre

Anniversaries

Bruce and Ann Jump

October 2009 Ride Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Natural Bridge/Red River Gorge DQ@ 930A
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Chapter picnic Taylorsville Lake State Park 100P	12	13	14	15	16	17 Chapter A meeting Eat @ 530P Meet@ 630P
18 Huber's Winery by way of Stephen Fosters in Bardstown. 10A	19	20	21	22	23	24 Metamora, IN DQ@930A
25	26	27	28	29 Wingtoberfest Region N Rally Gray, TN	30	31 Halloween

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