



OKLAHOMA Chapter "J"

Edmond, Guthrie, North Oklahoma City

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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Region H "The Hospitality Region"

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From Your Chapter Director

Between Wing Ding and our Chapter J Anniversary planning I've gotten a little off track with our monthly planning meetings. We should get back into the routine soon. So forgive me if I just ramble a bit this month. August has brought us some welcome rain and relief from typical Oklahoma summer temps. Can't believe I'm sitting here in the middle of August after lunch and it's still just 70 degrees. I've been doing quite a bit of late evening/night riding lately and I have to say those mid-70's make for some outstanding riding. If there just weren't so many bugs to have to clean off after riding at night! I'm gonna wear the graphics off washing it 3 or 4 times a week. Larry/Mary and I accompanied X-Chapter on their 'bat ride' to Alabaster Caverns in July and I have to say that was quite a sight seeing literally a million bats flying off into the sky. Don't forget to check out ride calendars from other chapters if you have a free weekend and are looking for something to do. And speaking of calendars, mark yours for Oct 22-24 and plan to attend the Oklahoma District Rally in Muskogee.

Before I forget - September is National Better Breakfast Month. So for the **September** Chapter meeting, everyone bring a piece of paper with their favorite breakfast 'menu' written on it **AS WELL AS YOUR FAVORITE TIME OF DAY TO HAVE IT**. We'll turn that into some fun for the meeting.

See you soon - until then RIDE SAFE / RIDE OFTEN, Jack

Happy Birthday

SEP 11 Carolyn Duvall
SEP 15 Jack Wagner
SEP 22 Mariann Carroll
SEP 30 Karen Barnes

Happy Anniversary

AUG 20 Terry and Nichole Deas
AUG 26 Wilford and Gayle Levings
SEP 9 Evert and Mariann Carroll

Trike Rider Course

GWRRR is conducting a Trike Rider Course in Marshall TX on Monday, Sept 7 (Labor Day weekend). This is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your Rider Course requirement for the Rider Education Level's Program (as well as insurance discounts). This will be a good learning experience for any Trike Rider plus providing the opportunity to certify additional instructors. And it's a nice ride down to Marshall. Cost is only \$25 (\$50 up front and a \$25 refund upon completion). Registration form is available.

JOIN IN THE FUN - BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

From Your District Directors

Hello Oklahoma,

Hope everyone made it home ok after Wing Ding. We have received many emails of thanks for all the outpouring of help to put on this show. Because of all of the volunteers, Wing Ding 31 was a big hit. Again, thanks to all who volunteered.

Rick and Robin Greninger
Your District Directors

Thank You! – Thank You! – Thank You!

From your Region H Directors, Harry & Joan Dollarhide

Wing Ding 31 was a huge success for Region H and you the members are to be congratulated. Over 210 of you from Region H volunteered your time at Wing Ding this year. That is a fantastic show of support from the five districts in Region H. Your Region H staff joins the GWRRA National Staff in sending a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers from Region H. Your efforts created a positive impression of Region H throughout GWRRA.

These were the Oklahoma volunteers: Willis and Carletta Kendall, Jim and Phyllis Leach, Virgil Dupree, Cliff and Fern Smith, Dave and Cheryl Ward, Wayne and Glenda Sappington, Karen Boyd, Steve and Linda McKelvey, Lloyd Swanson, Rick and Robin Greninger, Bill and Dea Ann Gray, Chuck and Elisabeth Chestnut, Dave and Susan Weldon, Jack Wagner, Bill and Carolyn Duvall, Terry and Nancy Clark, Grant and Kathy Burns, Bob and Molly Farrier, Jim and Cyndi James, Frank and Mayumi Thurston, Jerry and Becky Hodges, Earl and Judy Dunkleberger, Jack and Charlene Leach, Robert and Voleta McClure, Bob and Rhonda Gardner, Larry Cowan, Tim and Jean Kimbrel, Walter Barnes, Robert Huff, Dale and Dovie Ryan, and Sherry George. Thanks so much for your great efforts.

Region H Volunteers served in many capacities:

- ❖ Oklahoma District Directors Rick & Robin Greninger with the help of local OK chapters worked with the National Event Management Team to set up the Poker Run routes, the Self Guided Tours, and organized the registration volunteers even overcoming several "surprise" last minute changes.
- ❖ Tulsa area chapter members manned the Information Booth all during Wing Ding to insure someone knowledgeable of the local area could answer member questions.
- ❖ Volunteers worked at the Goodie booth, Region H's primary responsibility, where we sold a record amount of GWRRA merchandise.
- ❖ Registration, Region N's primary responsibility, where our volunteers passed out packets and welcomed members to Wing Ding creating a wonderful "First Impression".
- ❖ Leadership Training where LTD Seminar Instructors presented numerous classes to the members. You also assisted in manning the National LTD booth.
- ❖ Rider Education where Rider Coach Instructors and Seminar Presenters trained the membership in safety related topics.
- ❖ Region H volunteers assisted with staging and classification of the Wing Ding Bike Show, lending valuable experience to Region N.
- ❖ Region H members from TX and KS staged the Top Gun Competition.

Your Region Staff also received numerous compliments and thanks from the National Staff and the Event Management Team, as well as the other Region Directors that you assisted with their Wing Ding duties. The hard work and dedication of Region H Trainers and Educators were also recognized:

- Region H Leadership Trainer Dale Wingrove was named National Trainer of the Year (LTD Top Award).
- Region H Leadership Trainer Dale Wingrove was awarded his Master Instructor certification.
- Region H Leadership Trainer Dale Wingrove and all the District LTD folks: National Excellence in Training Award.
- Region H Web Master John Bourg: Dedicated Service as the former National Leadership Training Web Master.
- Arkansas District Educator Bill McBride received the National Rider Education Merit Award.
- Kansas District Educator Dennis Joynt received the National Rider Education Merit Award.
- Louisiana District Educator Mike Jastram received the National Rider Education Merit Award.
- Region H Director Harry Dollarhide received the National Rider Education Merit Award.

Oklahoma District Rally www.gwrraokla.org

Mark your calendars to join your friends at the Oklahoma District Rally / Chapter Homecoming to be held October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. "Hallo Wing III" will come to life at the Muskogee Civic Center with the Monster Mash Bash Dance for the Early Bats on Thursday, October 22nd at 7 p.m. Meal Tickets for Saturday night's catered dinner must be paid for by October 3rd. **NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON SITE.** CPR and First Aid classes will be offered both Friday and Saturday, but these classes might be full if you wait until the Rally to sign up. It's always a FUN time, so make plans now to attend your Oklahoma District Rally.

Summer Fun (by Janice Miller)

Destination: North Carolina's outer banks

Transportation: Gold Wing, of course!

What a great ride! Over 3,000 miles of rolling through Oklahoma into Arkansas, passing through Tennessee and North Carolina, all the way to the sea. We experienced a bit of everything on this ride; blisteringly hot days, cooling rain showers, twisty mountain passes, sweet smelling fields of crops, and salty sea breezes. Aaahh summer riding – keep that cool vest handy!

Gold Book Update

It is never too late or early to update your Gold Book listings. The deadline is always the beginning of November each year. But, if you have any changes you would like to make to your listing or you just want to check on your listing, just call a friendly GWRRA Member Service Representative now and make those changes.

2008 Labor Day Holiday Fact Sheet (www.ohso.ok.gov)

The Highway Safety Office of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety released this information concerning last year's Labor Day holiday traffic accidents. The holiday period for 2008 was a total of 78 hours which began at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 29th and ended at midnight on Monday, September 1st.

During this time period, nine persons were killed and 15 persons injured in seven fatal crashes. There were a total of 536 crashes involving 1042 persons. Sixty one of these crashes were alcohol-related.

Of the nine fatalities, five were drivers, three were passengers and one was a pedestrian. The five drivers included 2 passenger vehicle operators, 2 pickup truck operators, and one motorcyclist.

Nine drivers were involved in these seven fatality accidents. Four of the drivers were between the ages of 21 and 50. Eight of the nine drivers were male. Contributing factors included one failure to yield, one left of center, one improper act/movement, and one unsafe speed.

RIDE SAFE - STAY ALERT - DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!

Why was the old man embarrassed when he opened the fridge? Ask me at the meeting !!

Chapter J's Calendar www.gwrra-okj.com for possible changes

- AUG 20 Chapter J Meeting
Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler, 33 East 33rd St, Edmond
Eat at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- AUG 22 Chapter J Watermelon Festival, Noon to 3 p.m. **CHAPTER J - BE THERE AT 10 a.m.**
Celebrating our 22nd Anniversary!
Fun and Games, Prizes, Delicious Chicken and Ice Cold Watermelon
Guthrie VFW Post 4578, 5223 S. Division, Guthrie (I-35, exit 153)
- AUG 27 **THURSDAY** DINNER RIDE to El Charro Mexican Restaurant
1529 S Main St, Kingfisher 405-375-6616
Depart Guthrie Braum's at 6 p.m.
Let Bill and Julie know if you plan to attend (405-969-2925)
- AUG 28-30 Kansas District Rally "Wild, Wild West - Do You Remember When"
Central Kansas Fairgrounds, Abilene, KS
www.gwks.homestead.com
- SEP 7 Labor Day Holiday **RIDE SAFE - STAY ALERT**
- SEP 10 **THURSDAY** DINNER RIDE to Chicken & Chops
1430 Piedmont Rd N, Piedmont 405-373-1988
Depart Edmond I-35/15th St Wal-Mart at 6 p.m.
Let Larry and Mary know if you plan to attend (405-823-4501)
- SEP 11-12 Chapter G's 9-11 Campout at Tenkiller State Park
Dave Weldon's Flag Ceremony - Saturday at sundown (bring any old flag for retirement)
Camping reservations 918-489-5643
Cabins across the road, first come camping at Fox Squirrel Loop
- SEP 12 The X-Chapter Meeting, Stillwater
Sirloin Stockade, 208 N Perkins Rd, across from old Wal-Mart
Breakfast Buffet 8 a.m. / Meeting 9 a.m.
The X-Chapter has a planned ride after each meeting.
- SEP 17 Chapter J Meeting
Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler, 33 East 33rd St, Edmond
Eat at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- SEP 19 X-Chapter Ride to Remington Park 'to see the ponies run'
Buffet Dinner - Live Racing begins at 6:30 p.m.
"The night of the sacrificial insect" ride has been cancelled.
- SEP 24 **THURSDAY** DINNER RIDE to Bad Brad's BarBQ
3317 E 6th Ave, Stillwater 580-377-4141 (open Thursday until 8:30 p.m.)
Depart Guthrie Braum's at 6 p.m.
Let Bill and Julie know if you plan to attend (405-969-2925)

- SEP 26 Chapter W's Anniversary, Noon to 2 p.m.
Red Rock State Park - Hinton
Camping available Thursday Sep 24th thru Sunday Sep 27th
BBQ and all the fixins for lunch - Saturday at Noon
Dave Weldon's Flag Ceremony - Saturday at sundown (public invited)
(bring any old flag for retirement)
Phillip and Tonya Carollo, 405-381-4243
- OCT 1 **THURSDAY** DINNER RIDE to Ken's Steaks and Ribs
408 Main, Amber OK 405-222-0786 (open Thursday 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.)
Depart Edmond I-35/15th St Wal-Mart at 6 p.m.
Let Bill and Julie know if you plan to attend (405-969-2925)
- OCT 3 **SATURDAY** BREAKFAST RIDE to Kumback Café
625 Delaware St, Perry 580-336-4646
Depart Guthrie Braum's at 7:30 a.m.
Let Bill and Julie know if you plan to attend (405-969-2925)
- OCT 3 Deadline to purchase tickets for Saturday's night catered meal for the OK District Rally
NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD DURING THE RALLY
- OCT 4 Chapter G's 26th Anniversary, 2 to 4 p.m.
Bartlesville Senior Advantage Center
Frank Phillips Blvd east of Highway 75
Quilt Raffle
- OCT 10 **SATURDAY** DINNER RIDE to Click's Steakhouse
409 Harrison St. Pawnee 918-762-2231 (open Saturday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.)
Depart Guthrie Braum's at 4 p.m.
Let Larry and Mary know if you plan to attend (405-823-4501)
- OCT 15 Chapter J Meeting
Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler, 33 East 33rd St, Edmond
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7 p.m. Muskogee Civic Center
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Muskogee Civic Center
-  Talent Show
 -  Chapter Pride Booths
 -  COY Baskets
 -  Witch Hat Contest
 -  CPR and First Aid Classes
 -  Seminars
 -  Vendors
 -  Saturday \$100 hourly give away
 -  Saturday Night Catered Dinner

Friends Having FUN

JUL 16 Chapter J Get Together

We welcomed seven friends from Chapter W to our meeting. Thanks to Phillip and Tonya Carollo, Larry and Nancy Clifton, Ed Lundblade, and Jerry and Gail Shackelford for joining us. Also thanks to Marc and Lynn from Chapter X for coming. We played a fun game of 'skunk your friends' and found out some of life's little secrets about our gold wing friends. Jim went home with the wing nut. Marc, Tonya, Evert and Wilford were lucky winners of cash tokens from Trikes Trailers and Accessories. Thanks to Ed and our friends at Trikes and Trailers for these prizes. Kathleen, Gail, Karen, and Wilford won 'ice cream and picnic' contingency prizes that had been donated by Bill and Carolyn. And Lynn from the 'X' chapter took home the 50/50 after drawing her own ticket! Hmmm..... It was all great fun and we thank everyone for coming.

JUL 26 Chapter S Anniversary

Bill and Carolyn rode their air conditioned gold wing and followed the others as we made our way to Del City. The fiesta meal was served and everyone had a chance to cool off. Most of us won a contingency prize or two. I think Wilford was the lucky winner, but I was warned not to tell how much moo-la he won! Ron, Bruce, Larry and Mary, Jack, Bill and Carolyn, and Wilford enjoyed celebrating Chapter S's 20th Anniversary. Walter Cooper was Chapter S Director when they chartered and is now Chapter S Director 20 years later. Congratulations to Walter!

JUL 30 National Ice Cream Month

Quite a few Chapter J gold wingers showed up at Braum's to celebrate National Ice Cream Month. It was nice to see Vern and Dorothy and Wayne Montgomery and of course everyone else. Seemed to be a great way to just hang out with friends and chill. The hamburgers were good and the ice cream was great. This was a nice way to celebrate our July monthly theme and much better than wearing an ice cream cone to the meeting!

AUG 13 Dinner Ride - Gar Wooly's in Davenport (Jack Wagner)

I think this was one of the largest Chapter J dinner rides I've ever been on. We left Walmart with 8 bikes and picked up 3 more in Wellston ridden by friends from X-Chapter. Leaving Walmart were Bill/Angel, Walt/Karen, Gary/Janice, Wes/Jeanie, Bill/Julie, Jack, newcomers Jeff/Debbie Neumann and almost latecomers Larry/Mary. We added Marc/Lynn Hughes, Dr. John/Linda Hoover and Curtis Burns from X-Chapter for a total of 20 folks descending on Gar Wooly's, but they were ready for us with plenty of tables in a separate room. I was a bit worried after Wes called to tell me the last time he was there the service was poor and the food bad. Fortunately when we arrived it turned out Wes was mistaken and Gar Wooly's wasn't the place in Davenport he was thinking of (I'll not mention the other place). Given that they had two rather large groups that evening (I'd say large for them anyway), the service was good and I think everyone enjoyed their food. I know Janice enjoyed winning all the quarters. But as Marc Hughes said, "I'll pay a quarter to get my food first!" And speaking of paying - if you're taking a fair sized group to Gar Wooly's, it pays to call them ahead of time. Tell them you're bringing a group from out of town and give them your name. Ask me why?

AUG 16 Chapter P Anniversary

There was a record 187 motorcycle friends who made the ride to Claremore on Sunday to celebrate Chapter P's anniversary. It was a great turnout with nine Oklahoma Chapters and one Kansas Chapter represented. The root beer floats were served as we arrived and sure helped to cool us down. The \$466 prize from the 50/50 would have been nice to win, but Chapter J didn't bring it home. There's a possibility the gal who won the \$\$ is still in shock. Prizes were also given for longest distance traveled, high and low poker hands, winner of the dice game, and the fastest hands when it comes to groping clothespins! Rick Greninger was the fastest hands, but Dave Weldon came in a close second! We each came home with a contingency prize or two, but the big winners were Bill and Carolyn. They won a new 1963 Corvette!

