



# OKLAHOMA Chapter "J"

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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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## From Your Chapter Director

I hope everyone has been enjoying the cooler temps and getting out for some riding! This is probably the prettiest late summer I can remember for Oklahoma - still green with lots of floral color. It should be a great fall! I recently returned from the Kansas District Rally in Abilene, KS. While it's one of the smaller District rallies, there was no shortage of fun and learning. Gary Drake and his staff provided an excellent event. Don't just take my word for it - ask Jim Thomas. I overheard someone say they had a near record crowd and no one could remember them having more vendors than this year. When speaking of excellent events and record attendance, the anniversary at Chapter P has to be part of the conversation. Frank, Mayumi and all of P should be proud of their event.

And when it comes to pride in an event, Chapter J really shined! I want to thank everyone who made our Watermelon Feed anniversary a tremendous success! We had 125 attendees from 9 of Oklahoma's 12 chapters, plus AR-B, District and Region staffs who were all enjoying the fried chicken, sides, watermelon and desserts. The games and activities were fun for everyone. Check out the Chapter website ([www.gwrra-okj.com](http://www.gwrra-okj.com)) photo section for some pics courtesy of Wes Mills. Again - thank you and congratulations Chapter J!!!

The Oklahoma District Rally is coming up soon. If you haven't registered, do so before Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> if you want dinner Saturday night. It should be a great rally. Rick and Robin are working on getting a live band for the Thursday Monster Mash dance and costume contest. There will be a chapter witch's hat contest, chapter pride tables, COY baskets, trike ERC, first aid/cpr, bike show, vendors, seminars, and tons of fun, so don't miss any of it! Plan to be in Muskogee Oct 22-24.

Ride safe - Ride often! Jack

## September is National Better Breakfast Month

Don't forget - For our Chapter meeting, everyone is to bring your favorite breakfast 'menu' written down as well as your favorite time of day to have it. We'll turn that into some fun for the meeting. The word 'breakfast' came about because it means 'breaking the fast' after one has not eaten (fasted) since the night before.

### Happy Birthday

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|--------|-----------------|
| SEP 6  | Tim Holmes      |
| SEP 11 | Carolyn Duvall  |
| SEP 15 | Jack Wagner     |
| SEP 30 | Karen Barnes    |
| SEP 22 | Mariann Carroll |
| OCT 4  | Janice Miller   |

### Happy Anniversary

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| SEP 9  | Evert and Mariann Carroll |
| OCT 12 | Larry and Mary Punneo     |
| OCT 13 | Bill and Julie McIntosh   |

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

# Chapter J's Calendar [www.gwrra-okj.com](http://www.gwrra-okj.com) for possible changes

- 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.  
The X Chapter will be leaving the Perkins Ampride at 5 p.m.
- SEP 24 **THURSDAY** DINNER RIDE to Bad Brad's BarBQ  
3317 E 6<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday Sep 27<sup>th</sup>  
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-35/15<sup>th</sup> St Wal-Mart at 6 p.m.  
Let Larry and Mary know if you plan to attend (405-823-4501)
- 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 Larry and Mary know if you plan to attend (405-823-4501)
- OCT 3 Chapter B's Charity Ride for the Kids!  
Evangelistic Center ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Hardesty Rd on Highway 177, Shawnee)  
First bike out at 9 a.m. Last bike out at 10:30 a.m. Route map will be provided.  
Drawing to be held at 1 p.m. at the Evangelistic Center  
Tickets are \$10 each - buy one or several ..... Grand Prize \$100  
All money collected, less prize money, will be donated to the Hope House of Shawnee. This youth and family resource center provides shelter for children taken from their home in an emergency situation. You are also encouraged to bring toothbrushes, travel size shampoo, bars of soap, toothpaste and new pillows.
- OCT 3 Deadline to purchase tickets for Saturday night's catered meal for the OK District Rally  
**NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD DURING THE RALLY**
- OCT 4 Chapter G's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2 to 4 p.m. Quilt Raffle  
Bartlesville Senior Advantage Center  
Frank Phillips Blvd east of Highway 75

- 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  
 Eat at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- OCT 22      Oklahoma District Rally / Chapter Homecoming "Hallo Wing III"  
 Monster Mash Bash Dance for the Early Bats  
 7 p.m. Muskogee Civic Center
- OCT 23-24   Oklahoma District Rally / Chapter Homecoming "Hallo Wing III"  
 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
- NOV 6-7      14th Annual Chapter P Crock Pot Campout  
 Natural Falls State Park west of Siloam Springs AR

## Oklahoma District Rally [www.gwrraokla.org](http://www.gwrraokla.org)

Mark your calendars to join your friends at the Oklahoma District Rally / Chapter Homecoming to be held October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. "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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. Meal Tickets for Saturday night's catered dinner must be paid for by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. **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.

If you have not made your hotel reservation for the District Rally, the new Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, located at 1650 North 32<sup>nd</sup> Street in Muskogee is offering GWRRA members a special rate of \$89 per night. This hotel was completed in July of this year and has a swimming pool, hot tub, exercise room, wifi, and Continental Breakfast (waffle maker and microwave egg sandwiches). Just ask for the GWRRA rate as promised by Lesa Anderson 918-683-6700.

It's always a FUN time, so make plans now to attend your Oklahoma District Rally.

JOIN IN THE FUN - YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID !!!

# Friends Having FUN

## AUG 20 Chapter J Get Together

It was so nice to have a roomful of friends when we met at Johnnie's for our August meeting. Besides 22 Chapter J Members, we welcomed several guests. Thanks to Edward and Helen Dewar (Chapter W friends), Anthony Fogle (new GWRRA member), Tim Holmes (Edmond goldwinger), Jesse Sullivan (Yukon friend), and James Bond, I mean Tommy Fletcher from Chickasha (Ron's brother) for visiting our meeting. We hope to see all our guests again. It was test night; however no one aced the Motorcycle Trivia Quiz. I think the curve was set pretty low, but it was a lot of fun. I'll include the test questions at the end of this newsletter with the multiple choice answers and you can see how you do! I don't know the answers, so you can make whatever score you want. We made the final preparations for our Chapter Anniversary and discussed how we could make the main course (fried chicken) feed 187 people. That's the number Chapter P served on the Sunday previous to our Anniversary. If needed, we were prepared to break the chicken wings into three pieces!! Walter gave some good ideas on how to stay safe. He reminded us not to give the driver following you credit for knowing what you are about to do. Another important safety idea is remember to position yourself in the lane where you are the most visible to other drivers. Winners of the contingency prizes furnished by Jack were Bill Duvall, Mariann Carroll, and Ron Fletcher. Carolyn Duvall gave a no doubt valuable collector's item to Ron's brother, Tommy Fletcher. Lucky Don took home the 50/50 \$\$\$. Jim Thomas was more than ready to give back the wing nut, and after much discussion, it once again landed around the neck of Bruce. I think not long after the meeting, it was passed off to his co-conspirator Ron so he could also enjoy the honor of wearing the jewelry! It was a beautiful night on the ride home. Thanks to everyone for coming.

## AUG 22 Chapter J 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

It was an absolute beautiful day for a ride, but most of Chapter J members showed up in vehicles loaded with tables, food dishes and contingency prizes. There were 125 family members who gathered for our annual Family Reunion including our cousins from the Region and District Staff. Eight Oklahoma chapters (nine with Chapter J) and Arkansas Chapter B were represented. It was a nice surprise to see Jon and Christy Chennault, former Chapter J Directors. Everyone seemed to have a great time and many went home with prizes and money. Mayumi Thurston (Ch P) was a winner when she guessed the closest to the correct weight of the watermelon 8.02 lbs. Lloyd Swanson (Ch S) guessed 4750 watermelon seeds and won by not going over the 4999 actual count. Our little cutie Estee guessed 5000 and was so close! She is Karen's granddaughter and was a great helper, so thank you Estee for jumping in and helping. Estee was also a great dessert tester! Jack Leach (Ch B) won the seed spitting competition. Philip Carollo (Ch W) and Roger Powell (Ch W) were champions in the water balloon toss. These are our favorite cousins who won their category in the Family Reunion competition:

- Toby and Maggi Vasbinder (Ch S) have been married the longest - 60 years!
- Lewis and Shelah Shull (Ch G) are newlyweds - married only 3 years!
- Great Grandpa Jim Leach (Ch B) has the most great-grandchildren (3).
- Grandma Charlene Leach (Ch B) has the most grandchildren (13).
- Lloyd and Eileen Swanson (Ch S) have seven children winning that category.
- Jeff and Debra Neumann (Ch J) are the newest GWRRA members.
- Dave Ward (Ch P) has been a GWRRA member for the longest - 28 years.
- Rob and Gloria Standeford (Ch E) and Roger and Wanda Powell (Ch W) have each owned 10 motorcycles winning the most motorcycle category. Actually Gary Miller (Ch J) has owned more than 10, but I ruled him out of the competition! Sorry, Gary!

The fashion show competition between the Hatfields and the McCoy's was great fun. Congratulations to the Hatfield family and thanks to all the participants for adding so much FUN to our reunion! The 50/50 was divided and \$100 went to Nancy and Larry Clifton (Ch W) and \$250 to Tim and Jean Kimbrel (Ch G). We certainly thank all our favorite cousins for coming and we'll see you at the next family reunion, the Oklahoma Homecoming in October!

## AUG 27 El Charro Mexican Restaurant

A good rainfall during the previous night and a rain shower about an hour before departure time made for a perfect ride to Kingfisher. The cloudy skies were now pink in color as the sun set as we headed west. Bill and Carolyn, Ron and Kay, and Larry and Mary left Braum's on Hwy 33 to meet up with Bill, Julie and Tim Holmes at the Highway 74 intersection. We arrived at El Charro's in about 40 minutes and were escorted to our private room. The food was good. Bill and Bill split the quarters' game. We left the restaurant headed to Eischen's Bar! We just did a drive-by and headed back to Edmond on Waterloo Road. Bill and Julie and Tim turned at the 74 junction as they headed home. The ride from Kingfisher was perfect and everyone enjoyed the nicer temperatures. I know there's one nominee for the wing nut, maybe two, if bumpy roads can be a consideration.

## SEP 10 Chicken and Chops

Cloudy skies and a little cooler temperature made for a nice ride to Piedmont. There was quite a bit of traffic through Edmond and we wondered what was going on as we kept an eye on the two helicopters circling overhead west of town. Larry had to maneuver around a car coming at us in our lane, but the driver paid attention to his driving just in time to avoid hitting us. Those enjoying the new restaurant in Piedmont were Wes and Jeanie, Jeff and Debra, Larry and Mary, Tim, Jack, and Jim. There was a football game going on across the street so the restaurant was not busy. The food was plentiful, that's for sure, as several came home with 'to go' boxes. It was a nice ride home UNTIL everyone left us with just Jack - and then the rains came! You know Jack's luck with rain and motorcycle rides. It really started coming down as we headed north through downtown Edmond and we were rather soaked just in the few minutes it took to get home. Jack will have to wash and polish his beautiful Gold Wing one more time.

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## Vehicle Rollovers in Traffic Crashes (2007)

This information has recently been released by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office.

### Rollover Vehicles

In 2007 there were 4,432 vehicles that rolled in traffic crashes. There were 232 fatalities (160 drivers and 72 passengers) and 3,894 persons injured in vehicles that rolled.

### Number of Vehicles

Of the 4,385 crashes involving a vehicle that rolled, 83.8% involved only one vehicle, 14.6% involved two vehicles and 1.6% involved three or more vehicles.

### Driver Contributing Factors

Of the 4,432 vehicles that rolled, 42% were attributed to Unsafe Speed, 12.8% were Driver Inattention, 10.7% were Other Improper Act/Movement and 10.2% were DUI-Alcohol.

### Rural vs. Urban

74.8% of the crashes involving a vehicle that rolled occurred in rural areas; 83.7% of the fatal crashes involving a rolled vehicle occurred in rural areas.

### Time & Day

Crashes involving a rolled vehicle occurred more often between 12:00 Noon and 17:59 p.m. whether it was a fatal or non-fatal crash. These type crashes also occurred more often during weekends than any other days of the week, whether or not a fatality was involved.

### Drivers

In 2007 there were 4,432 drivers in vehicles that rolled in a crash. 16.5% (733 of 4,432) of these drivers had an Alcohol-Related Driver Condition (582 of these 733 were male). Some 55.1% (404 of 733) of the total drivers with an Alcohol-Related Driver condition were under the age of 31.

### Safety Equipment Use Among Fatalities

In 2007, of the 4,432 drivers in vehicles that rolled, 85.2% (3,777 of 4,432) were in a passenger vehicle/pickup truck. Of the 3,777 drivers in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks, 141 were killed. Of the 141 drivers killed, 73.8% (104 of 141) were not using safety equipment. Of the 1,470 passengers in vehicles that rolled, 89.1% (1,310 of 1,470) were in a passenger vehicle/pickup truck. Of the 1,310 passengers in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks, 61 were killed. Of the 61 passengers killed, 78.7% (48 of 61) were not using safety equipment.

### Drivers Ejected

In 2007, of the 292 drivers ejected from a vehicle that rolled, 93.8% (274 of 292) were killed or severely injured. Of the 274 ejected, 85.6% were not using restraints and restraint use was unknown for 4.0% of the drivers ejected from a vehicle that rolled.

## Computer Fun

<http://www.msf-usa.org/riderperception/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/sleep/sheep/reaction\\_version5.swf](http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/sleep/sheep/reaction_version5.swf)

Doing nothing is very hard to do....you never know when you're finished !

# Motorcycle Trivia Quiz

1. The first motorcycle was created by: Gottlieb Daimler in 1885, Thomas Edison in 1881, Michel and Eugene Werner in 1887, or Leonardo Da Vinci in 1503.
2. What kind of motorcycle did Arnold Swartzenegger ride in the movie 'Terminator 2'? Kawasaki Ninja, Honda Valkyrie, Harley-Davidson Fat Boy, or Ducati Monster.
3. Honda's first true motorcycle was built in 1950. What was it called? Helix, Elsinore, Monkey, or Dream.
4. What is the name of the motorcycle gang in the 1953 film 'The Wild One' starring Marlon Brando? Black Rebels Motorcycle Club, The Polecats, Sage Valley Motorcycle Racers, or The Rot Wheelers.
5. Who makes the Royal Star Venture? Yamaha, Aprilia, Suzuki, or Vespa.
6. Goldwing is associated with what brand name? BMW, Honda, Moto Guzzi, or Kawasaki.
7. Which of these is not a type of motorcycle? Bobber, Chopper, Dipper, or Springer.
8. What kind of motorcycle did both Ponch and Jon ride in the TV show 'Chips'? Kawasaki P1000, Harley-Davidson FLHPI, BMW R1100 RT-P, or Harley-Davidson Servi-Car.
9. In the 1969 film 'Easy Rider', the character played by Peter Fonda is called: Bucky, Captain America, Ghost Rider, or Billy.
10. The famous T. E. Lawrence "Lawrence of Arabia" was killed in 1935 while riding what make of motorcycle? BSA, Brough Superior, Norton, or James.
11. What movie star did most of his own motorcycle stunts in the movie 'The Great Escape'? James Garner, Steve McQueen, James Coburn, or Lee Marvin.
12. Jawa Motorcycles are made in what country? Czechoslovakia, France, Spain, or Switzerland.
13. In 2003, what did Harley-Davidson celebrate? Launch of their new logo, Willie G. Davidson's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company, or the first Dyna Wide Glide.
14. What band released the biker anthem "Born to be Wild" in 1968? Cream, Credence Clearwater Revival, Steppenwolf, or The Who.
15. What is the name of London's famous classic biker hangout? The Ace Café, The Kick Stand, The Iron Horse Saloon, or The Holiday House

## Just for FUN

Here's the answers from the guessing game in last month's newsletter: (1) man overboard, (2) I understand, (3) tricycle, (4) six feet underground, (5) reading between the lines, (6) backward glance, (7) neon light, (8) two degrees below zero, and (9) long time no see (c)

Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket - keep it in your own!

**Yummy Invention** ~ The ice cream cone was invented September 22, 1903!

## Laughter is the Best Medicine

### The Talking Centipede

A GWRRA OK-J member decided life might be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, which came in a little gold box to use for his house. He took the gold box back home, found a good spot for the gold box, and decided he would start off this new friendship by taking his new pet centipede to Chapter J's meeting. So he asked the centipede in the gold box, "Would you like to go to Chapter J's meeting with me tonight? We meet at Johnnie's for dinner and we will have a good time."

But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered the goldwinger a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to Chapter J's meeting with me? You will get to meet all my nice Gold Wing friends."

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The goldwinger decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey in there! Would you like to ride the Gold Wing with me to Chapter J's meeting?"

**YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THIS...** This time he heard a little centipede voice from the gold box saying, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting on my riding boots!"

;-) RIDE SAFE !

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**We'll be friends until we are old and senile -- Then we'll be new friends!**