



# OKLAHOMA Chapter "J"

Edmond, Guthrie, North Oklahoma City  
November 2010

## GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Region H "The Hospitality Region"  
Arkansas - Kansas - Louisiana - Oklahoma - Texas

### FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

#### From Your Chapter Directors:

Seems hard to believe it's already November! Where has this year gone? We are looking forward to enjoying a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner, how about you? During the holidays, it doesn't take much to come up with long lists of things we're thankful for. When asked to write a composition entitled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving", little Tommy wrote, "I am thankful I'm not a turkey!" Me too. According to Thanksgiving facts, the first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days. We have so much to be thankful for we should actually celebrate Thanksgiving everyday. Our friends are at the top of our lists. Thanks to each of you for being a part of our Gold Wing family.

We've scheduled our December dinner rides close to home so the possibility of bad weather won't interfere with our getting together. We look forward to being with you at these opportunities as well as our November Chapter get together.

Join us when you can, Larry and Mary

#### Happy Birthday!!

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| <i>NOV 1</i>  | <i>Alisa Fogle</i>      | <i>NOV 8</i>  | <i>Jim Thomas</i>      |
| <i>NOV 10</i> | <i>Cynthia Carroll</i>  | <i>NOV 14</i> | <i>Bill Duvall</i>     |
| <b>DEC 2</b>  | <b>Cindy Lewis</b>      | <b>DEC 3</b>  | <b>Michael Terska</b>  |
| <b>DEC 9</b>  | <b>Kathleen Smedley</b> | <b>DEC 9</b>  | <b>Bruce Bird</b>      |
|               |                         | <b>DEC 23</b> | <b>Walter Barnes</b>   |
|               |                         | <b>DEC 6</b>  | <b>Vern Yost</b>       |
|               |                         | <b>DEC 16</b> | <b>Raymond Smedley</b> |

#### Happy Anniversary!!

*NOV 25* *Raymond and Kathleen Smedley*

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| <b>DEC 18</b> | <b>Stephen and Denise Hintze</b> | <b>DEC 29</b>               | <b>Jesse and Mary Lou Sullivan</b> |
|               | <b>DEC 31</b>                    | <b>Ron and Kay Fletcher</b> |                                    |

## On the Calendar

[www.gwrra-okj.com](http://www.gwrra-okj.com) for possible changes

- NOV 18 Chapter J Gathering  
Thursday Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler, 33 East 33rd St, Edmond  
Eat at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- NOV 20-21 Horizon Program - Pre-registration required  
Saturday- Holiday Inn Express, Guthrie OK  
Sunday Contact Jack Wagner [jwagner10@cox.net](mailto:jwagner10@cox.net)
- NOV 25 Thanksgiving Day - Have a safe & blessed day!  
Thursday No Dinner Ride
- DEC 2 Dinner Ride to Steak and Catfish Barn - I-35 and Waterloo Road (NE Corner)  
Thursday 5175 E Waterloo Rd 405-341-7300  
[Meet there at 6:30 p.m.](#)  
Please let Larry and Mary know if you plan on going 405-823-4501
- DEC 9 Dinner Ride to Habaneros Mexican Restaurant  
Thursday Waterloo and Broadway in Edmond 405-359-3319  
[Meet there at 6:30 p.m.](#)  
Please let Larry and Mary know if you plan on going 405-823-4501
- DEC 9 Deadline to RSVP for Chapter J Christmas Party  
Thursday Please let Larry and Mary know if you plan on going 405-823-4501
- DEC 16 Chapter J Christmas Party **\*\* NO MEETING \*\***  
Thursday Old Santa Fe Railroad Depot, 409 W Oklahoma, Guthrie  
[Meet there at 6:30 p.m.](#)  
RSVP before Dec 9<sup>th</sup> to Larry and Mary 405-823-4501

### CHAPTER J CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our meal will be a catered buffet and include 2 meats and 3 side dishes for \$10.95 plus tax. We will be finalizing our menu choices at the November meeting.

We will once again have a \$1 gift exchange. That's right \$1.00 - Shop till you drop! If you want to participate, please try to make it a fun and desirable item!

Several choose to bring homemade snacks/goodies to be handed out and taken home. This is optional for anyone who would like to join in with this gift exchange.

## GWRRA Oklahoma District Sponsorship Information

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- Major Sponsor includes six full page ads in our OK District Newsletter,  $\frac{1}{4}$  page website ad, OK District Convention banner, and vendor space at the OK District Convention. Yearly cost is \$400.
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This is an annual sponsorship and must be renewed each year. The Sponsorship Application is available on our OK District website [www.gwrraokla.org](http://www.gwrraokla.org). Mail this application along with your check to the address indicated on the application. If you have any questions, please call Bill Gray, Oklahoma District Director, 918-231-9371 cell.

### Friends Having FUN

#### Oct 28 Eischen's

A little confusion about the departure location, but we had eighteen who gathered at Eischen's to eat the famous fried chicken. There were two high school buses of basketball girls and a birthday party going on, so it was a full house! We were scattered throughout the restaurant, but we did manage to get around and visit the other tables. Those enjoying this eating experience were Walter and Karen, Ron and Kay, Bill and Angel and 2 grandchildren, Larry and Mary, Bill and Julie, Gary and Janice, Steve and Denise and their friend John, and Jim. I may still be confused about this ride, so sorry if the list is incorrect. It was a cold 39° on the ride home!

#### Nov 4 Kelly's Café

*Kelly's Café recently started staying open later at night, so Julie suggested we ride to Crescent. Great idea! The food was good, the waitresses were prepared for us, and the staff really appreciated us coming in. Bill and Carolyn, Larry and Mary, Ron and Kay, Steve and friends John and Shawn, and Wes met at the Edmond Wal-Mart and rode to Crescent. Bill, Julie, Gary and Janice were waiting for us when we arrived at the restaurant. It was actually a nice ride and the temperature wasn't unbearable!*

## Nov 6 Crock Pot Camp Out

Larry, Mary, Walter and Karen lined up with the 100+ gold wingers to enjoy the assortment of 32 crock pot dishes on Saturday night. Larry and Mary enjoyed a fun weekend camping in the RV and sitting around the campfire with the others. Walter and Karen spent the day in Harrison enjoying the barbeque activities going on there and then headed over to Natural Falls State Park in time for the 5 p.m. dinner. A little cold during the night, but it was another great time with friends.

"People may not always remember what you say, but they will ALWAYS remember how you made them feel."

## Four old biker's trip to Arkansas (Jim Thomas)

We left Guthrie Wednesday morning for Harrison, Arkansas after much discussion where we wanted to go. Arrived about four PM and set up camp, camping out you know, last display of being macho. Had a good meal at the Hotel Seville, {great old hotel down town Harrison} got settled in for the evening and made plans for next day ride. Had plans changed that night as it got down to twenty one degrees. First order of business was a trip to Wal-Mart to get heaters for tents, I had mine in camper, was warm as a bug in a rug.

Then we were off, took hwy 7 to Jasper then on south to see the Grand Canyon of Arkansas. If anyone has been there, the campground known as Hog Heaven is closed. They are in the process of reopening it for next year, A terrific place to view the Grand canyon, sets right at the mouth of the canyon on a bluff, you can see for miles. Then we backtracked to state hwy 374 which takes you down into the bottom of the canyon, great ride down, steep with lots of twisties and switch backs. Hooked up with hwy 123 at bottom and headed south. What a discovery, all I can say about that hi-way is a don't miss. Up, down and all around with a lot of ten mile mph switch backs, not for the meek of heart, but a terrific ride. Hwy 123 hooks up with Hwy 7 at Lurton, backtracked back to hwy 16 at Deer, took hwy 16 to hwy 21 at Swain. Took hwy 21 north to Ponca, where we hooked up with hwy 43 and headed back to Harrison. We had dinner in Jasper at Pizza on the square, and if you have not had pizza with butter garlic as the sauce, it is worth the trip. Jasper is a sleepy mountain town full of history and the restaurant is a full service restaurant with great food and, service, and conversation with bikers. "Don't miss" There is also a great historic inn there, The Arkansas House. I have stayed there, super place to spend the night.

Second day was a hoot and a great adventure as we headed north on hwy 7 out of Harrison. Was on 7 until hwy 268 and 125 which took us to Bull Shoals Lake. There we took the ferry across the lake to Missouri. But before the trip across the lake the ferry master took us to see the Bald Eagles roosting on a bluff. What a show, the Eagles flew over us, diving and circling, like they were performing for us, what a beautiful sight. That alone was worth the trip, the ferry ride is free, provided by the state.

In Missouri we were on hwy 125 and 160 until we hooked up with hwy 5 which took us back to Mountain Home, Arkansas. By the way we had breakfast and lunch at a great restaurant on Bull Shoals Lake. Food was great as well as the locals, who questioned us about our folly and where we were from. What a great stop, highly recommended. From Mountain Home we took hwy 201 down to hwy 341. Hwy 341 is a ride that should not be missed; all I can say is "WOW". Hwy 341 hooked up with hwy 14 which took us back to Yellville. Hwy 14 is a great extension of hwy 341 another don't miss. From Yellville we were on hwy 62 and 412 back to Harrison. Was a long, but a fantastic ride equal to anything that can be found, for beauty and scenery.

Saturday, was back to hwy 123 to experience that great ride again, this time we stopped in Mount Juda for breakfast. Another great stop in a small mountain town with wonderful locals to have a great time with. The food was excellent as was the conversation. I think we might have been about one tenth of the town's population. There are Elk and Deer roaming in the mountains there, so be on the lookout. We then stayed on hwy 123 until it ran into hwy 16 south east of Satus, Ark. On hwy 16 we headed north to Boston where we hooked up with hwy 127 and 23 which took us to Huntsville. I have to tell you that hwy 16 from Satus to Boston is a very exciting and a spectacular ride, well worth the time and effort. From Huntsville we made our way on hwy 412 to Alpena, where we spent some time with a lady who makes wood carvings with a chain saw. She is quite a talent and very personable, a very interesting stop. From Alpena it was home to Harrison, tired but excited about where we had been and what we had seen. Another great day on the bikes.

Sunday it was time to break camp, pack up and head for home, but we had to make the trip last as long as possible with a spectacular ride home. We took hwy 43 down to Boxley, got on hwy 21 to hwy 16. We then rode hwy 16 all the way to Fayetteville where we had dinner. That was the first town with any kind of service since we had left Harrison, so leave with a tank full of gas, you will need it all. At Fayetteville we got on hwy 62 to Muskogee, then up to Sapulpa to hwy 33 then Guthrie. We knew when we hit Oklahoma. Sure enough BUGS and WIND, had to stop and clean our windshields half way through good old Oklahoma.

Four tired, happy camping motorcycle riders who covered a little over twelve hundred fifty mile in the Arkansas mountains. Yep it got cold every night in the low twenty's but the day riding temps were great, mid to high fifty's. The colors in the high mountains were very spectacular. Great trip, can recommend it to all. Who all went, Jim Thomas, Bruce Storts, Alan Jobe, and Joe Underwood.

**Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears!**

# RIDE SAFE, RIDE OFTEN

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*Wishing everyone a wonderful & safe holiday season!!  
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