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OKLAHOMA Chapter "J"

Edmond, Guthrie, North Oklahoma City

July 2011

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:

How **HOT** is it?

It's so **HOT**, the birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground. It's so **HOT** the chickens are laying hard boiled eggs. It's so **HOT** our neighbor killed a mosquito carrying a canteen! Yes, friends, it's **HOT** here in Saunaland (term taken from Dave and Cheryl Ward).

Here in Oklahoma we're **HOT** stuff! We're setting records! However, there's no award for heat endurance while participating in GWRRA activities. It's OK to travel in air conditioned style. Throughout Oklahoma we have lots of opportunities to be with Gold Wing friends. So if the motorcycle's air conditioning isn't giving you the comfort you need, buckle yourself in and come join us! You don't want to miss the fun, now do you?

Keep **COOL** and keep drinking.....Water!

Larry and Mary

Happy Birthday!!

JUL 28 Bill Baker

AUG 16 Tony Fogle

Happy Anniversary!!

JUL 20 Gary and Janice Miller

JUL 24 Anthony and Alisa Fogle

AUG 26 Wilford and Gayle Levings

On the Calendar www.gwrna-okj.com for possible changes

- JUL 28
Thursday
Dinner *Get Together* at Gage's Steak House
Downtown Guthrie, lower level of Sand Plum Bldg, 202 W Harrison 405-282-3955
Please let Larry and Mary know if you plan on going 405-823-4501 **Meet there at 6:30 p.m.**
- JUL 30
Saturday
Chapter N's Parking Lot Practice 9 a.m. to around 1 p.m.
Goldsby Community Building, 122 East Center Road in Goldsby (across the street from Libby's)
Two classes will be going on at the same time, one for bikes and one for trikes with two instructors. Email
Cindy Andrews @ cndandrews@aol.com if you are interested.
- JUL 30
Saturday
Seminar Presenter Development Program
This one day class is for anyone interested in becoming a GWRRA seminar presenter. It is the required
first step and must be completed in order to conduct GWRRA seminars. The class will be held at the Best
Western in Stroud. Contact Jack Wagner jwagner10@cox.net.
- AUG 4
Thursday
Dinner *Get Together* at Steak and Catfish Barn
I-35 @ Waterloo Road (NE Corner) 5175 E Waterloo Rd 405-341-7300
Please let Larry and Mary know if you plan on going 405-823-4501 **Meet there @ 6:30 p.m.**
- AUG 11
Thursday
Dinner *Get Together* at Cimarron Steak House
201 N Meridian, Oklahoma City 405-948-7778
Please let Larry and Mary know if you plan on going 405-823-4501
Depart Edmond Wal-Mart (I-35 and 15th) at 6 p.m. - BRING PIKE PASS
- AUG 14
Sunday
Chapter P Anniversary Mexican Fiesta / Root Beer Floats 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
"A Salute to Veterans" - WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE AND BLUE Blessing at 1:55 p.m.
Senior Citizen Center, 116 N. Missouri, Claremore
Depart Edmond Wal-Mart (I-35 and 15th) at Noon - BRING PIKE PASS
- AUG 18
Chapter J Meeting @ Johnnie's in Edmond
- AUG 20
Saturday Trike Course - Shawnee OK Contact Jerry Hodges hodgesj@cox.net
- AUG 20
Saturday
Chapter E Bug Gut Run to Mexico Joe's in Stillwater
Ken and Dianne Hackl kcruiers2@cox.net
- AUG 26-27
Friday-
Saturday
Kansas District Convention www.gwks.homestead.com
El Dorado Civic Center, 201 E Central, El Dorado KS
Pre-register before Aug 5th - only \$15 per person and includes meal
- SEP 24-25
Saturday -
Sunday
Officer Certification Program (OCP) Class - Learn the policies and procedures of GWRRA
Best Western Motel, Stroud OK
Register with Jack Wagner jwagner10@cox.net or 405-514-1234 no later than Sep 9th
- Oct 27-29
Thursday -
Saturday
OK District Convention "OKLAHOMA SPOOKTACULAR"
Southeast Expo, McAlester OK
Pre-register by October 8th - Meal Tickets for Pre-Registered only
- NOV 19-20
Saturday -
Horizon Program - the most fun of any GWRRA training program
Everything from chapter staffing to conducting fun and effective chapter gatherings,
along with Sunday time spent on how to interact with different personality types.
Best Western Motel, Stroud OK
Register with Jack Wagner jwagner10@cox.net or 405-514-1234 no later than Nov 4th

HELLO ALL (from Jim Thomas)

WE JUST GOT BACK FROM A 4600 MILE MOTORCYCLE TRIP TO THE ADIRONDACK AND CATSKILL MOUNTAINS IN UP STATE NEW YORK. WENT TO AMERICADE IN LAKE GEORGE, NY WHILE WE WERE THERE. JOE, ALAN AND I PULLED OUR CAMPERS AND CAMPED FOR OVER TWO WEEKS WHILE ON THIS TRIP. WE VISITED THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MUSEUM IN DAYTON, OHIO AND THE CURTIS AIRPLANE MUSEUM IN BATH, OHIO. BOTH MUSEUMS ARE A MUST SEE IF YOU EVER GET CLOSE. BOTH ARE TRULY AMAZING. ANOTHER POINT OF INTEREST THAT IS A MUST SEE, IS FORT TICONDEROGA. IT IS TRULY UNBELIEVABLE. WHAT HISTORY! LEAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR THE PLACES AS YOU WILL BE CONSUMED BY THEM. WE HAD GREAT WEATHER, UNBELIEVABLE TEMPERATURES AND VERY INTERESTING PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY.

WE WERE ON THE MEXICAN BORDER IN THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH THIS YEAR AND WERE ON THE CANADIAN BORDER THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE THIS YEAR. WE ARE FILLING OUR BUCKET LIST AND HAVING ONE HELL OF A GREAT TIME. ALL ARE SEVENTY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING SEVENTY ONE, WITH MORE TRIPS PLANNED. HAVE A GREAT DAY! JIM

GWRRA 2011 OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONVENTION
"OKLAHOMA SPOOKTACULAR"
SouthEast Expo, McAlester OK
October 27th - 29th
Night Creatures Ball - Thursday, October 27th at 7 p.m.

Pre-Registration deadline October 8th
Meal Tickets for Pre-Registered only

The Americinn has been chosen as the host hotel for our convention. They are the #1 hotel in McAlester and in the top 5 out of over 200 in the USA and Canada. The amenities are too many to count and they are offering great rates for GWRRA. Be sure and tell them you are with GWRRA to get the special rate.

CAMPING INFORMATION

On site camping (first come/first served)
Approximately 40-50 sites (80 electric hookups)
Very limited on water hookups (7 around the building)
More detailed info will be provided later.

Valley Inn RV Park, 2400 South Main, (U.S. Business 69 South), McAlester, OK 918/426-5400

Savanna RV Park, Highway 69 S, Savanna, OK 918/429-2633 or 918/916-5688 - 5 miles south of McAlester

The Region H July newsletter is now online and can be found at
<http://www.gwrra-h.org/newsletters/2011/07.pdf>

JUST FOR FUN - Comments made in the year 1955!

I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.

Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$1,000 will only buy a used one.

Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?

If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.

I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.

It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are working to make ends meet. It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.

I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.

The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

There is no sense going on short trips anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel.

No one can afford to be sick anymore. At \$15.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.

If they think I'll pay 30 cents for a haircut, forget it.

From Our District Directors:

We would like to have a District logo designed before our convention. We will have a contest to see who can design the best logo. Our District team will be the judges. This is an individual effort and \$100 cash will be given to the winner at closing ceremony.

The design must include but not be limited to the words:

1. Oklahoma or Oklahoma District.
2. Region H.
3. Gold Wing Road Riders Association or the acronym GWRRA.

Deadline: September 30th. Thanks and let's have fun with this!!

Oh yes, we are also trying to collect some Oklahoma GWRRA history worthy of publishing and keeping for posterity. Here are a few tidbits I just received:

"Oklahoma developed the first Leadership Training program in the nation under the leadership of the Region Director Jerry and Ginger Sailors in 1993.

Oklahoma also had the first combined monthly chapter newsletter in the nation which was called "Ridelines". A seminar for "Ridelines" was held at the National Convention in New Mexico and at one point 17 states had picked up the concept. "Ridelines" was in print from 1993 for approximately 10 years here in Oklahoma.

The spirit ghost that National is still using also came out of Oklahoma and the National slogan at the time "Catch the Spirit" was also from Oklahoma. (from Joe and Linda Blankenship – OK District Directors 1992-94)

Rick Powell, ACD of Chapter G handed me an "Oklahoma One Ridelines" from 1994 recently. Interesting reading!

Please send any info to me via e-mail, snail mail, bring it by the house, etc.

Bill & Dea Ann Gray, Oklahoma District Directors

918-231-9371 cell

Plan the Fun and They Will Come!



Wing Wisdom Whittles

July 2011



Prepared by Steve & Carolyn Cotton, Region H Trainers



“Whittles” articles are intended to provide information that can be presented by chapter members at monthly gatherings to help promote the Leadership Training Program. The hope is that chapters will enlist members to share the information to make it a FUN and interesting new experience.

Let It Be YOU

Each and every day, someone is going to schedule some meaningful time with friends. Someone is going to enjoy an enriching experience with family. Someone is going to decide to improve his or her relationships. So, why not let it be you?

Someone is going to set a goal to read each day for the next year. Someone is going to become a lifelong learner. Someone is going to go back to school to improve their life. So, why not let it be you?

Someone is going to decide to eat smarter and improve his or her health. Someone will join an aerobics class, or make a commitment to walk every morning with a neighbor. So, why not let it be you?

I think that by now you can get my point: every day people are improving their lives. Whether you do or not doesn't matter to those who do. They are going to do it regardless. It is simply a matter of a decision being made. Let that person be you!

You may be asking, “How?” Let's cover some very simple actions.

The first and most important action is to make a commitment to yourself. Do you want to improve, or stay the same? The decision about what you will become is made each and every day. The choice is yours.

The second action is to make a plan. It doesn't have to be a long, intricate plan. It can be simple: save a dollar a day, walk a mile a day, or read a page of a book a day. These are all examples of simple plans with achievable goals.

The third action is to begin to act. All of the great ideas become stale and useless without action. People who act on their dreams and ideas are the select few who gain better health, wealth, and wisdom.

Someone has made the decision to improve a part of his or her life. Someone is going to develop a plan that will take him or her into the future. Someone will act today. Let it be you!

By the Book

By: Steve Cotton, Region H Trainer



The “By the Book” articles are intended to help familiarize GWRRA Volunteer Leaders and Members with the policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Handbook (OHB). A copy of the Officer’s Handbook can be found at www.gwrro.org - Click on the Officer Connection tab at the bottom of the page; then select Officer’s Handbook in the upper right hand corner. Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District, or Chapter newsletters.

Thanks to Dave Barham (former Region H Trainer) for the inspiration to write this month’s article based on ideas he wrote in September 2006. Revisions have been made to keep it current.

Being a Member

In addition to “Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge”, what does being a Member of our Association mean to you? This basic information will give you a general mood and spirit of our Association. It will help set the stage for you to understand what a well organized, yet flexible, Association we have in GWRRA.

GWRRA provides a culture that fosters Members with shared values, Team concepts, and camaraderie. This culture also provides its Members with opportunities for personal development and achievement.

First and foremost, GWRRA is a social organization of friends. Teamwork, Communications, Rider Education, and Leadership Training provide the basic groundwork for the moral and ethical means by which our Association exists. For more information, you can refer to the Officer’s Handbook pages B1-B2.

The Ideals of our Association

*The most important ingredient for a successful Association is the **Member**. Where do we find them, and how do we make these people interested enough to become one of us? Before anyone can be successful in “selling” GWRRA, they must first sit for a moment and determine the reason they joined. Each of us had our own reasons, but a primary reason to join is to support the ideals of GWRRA, and what the Association stands for. Let’s take a closer look at these ideals.*

Promote Safety – *This will help us continue to enjoy our hobby. We can also enjoy the fact that we are doing something to protect others by teaching them safe riding practices. We are saving lives!*

Promote Friendship – *Among ALL of the biking public. What better way to enjoy our way of life than to make friends and share with them?*

Promote the Positive Image of the Motorcycle Rider – *We have come a long way, but we have a long way still to go. We must always keep “our best foot forward”.*

Promote FUN – This is the glue that holds all our ideals together!

Provide a Money-Back Guarantee – GWRRA will provide a money-back guarantee to any Member that is of the opinion the Association has failed to live up to their expectations.

The Purposes of our Association

- 1) GWRRA is an International Association of Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycle riders.
- 2) GWRRA is a social organization formed for the pleasure, recreation, safety, exchange of information, coordination of common motorcycle efforts, promotion of camaraderie and friendship of its Members and Chapters, without personal or religious affiliations or influence.
- 3) Other purposes include: assisting all motorcyclists in achieving and/or improving public acceptance of motorcyclists; member support of civic, local, police, charity and government organizations; education of the non-motorcycling public concerning motorcycling problems; dissemination of safety information relating to motorcycling and motorcyclists; supporting the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF); and being a family oriented organization.
- 4) Promoting and enlarging the Association's Membership.
- 5) To publish and distribute Wing World and other media that will inform, entertain, educate and enlighten our Members and Officers.

In conclusion, **Being a Member** of our Association holds a very special place in our heart, and I am sure that it has an important place in your lives as well.

Learn Something New...Then Teach Someone! Steve and Carolyn Cotton, Region H Trainers

FROM PHOENIX: Updating your "Home Chapter"

In GWRRA we assign zip codes to Chapters based on the areas and Members associated within those areas. It is true that any Member can attend any Chapter or belong to multiple Chapters. In our reporting system we have the capability to track only one home Chapter that you will be associated with, and you will only show up on that Chapter's reporting system.

Initially, we assign Chapters pertaining to the zip code in which you currently live. If you would like to be assigned to a different Chapter, you can call Member Services and request the change. There are a few reasons you may wish to change your "Home Chapter". For example, your primary residence may be in one state, but you want to belong to a Chapter in a different state that you have a secondary residence, or you visit multiple Chapters, but would like to be assigned to one specific Chapter.

Address changes can be a little trickier. If your address changes, your Chapter assignment will automatically change to reflect your new address unless you have given us a specific Chapter that you would like to belong to. If that is the case, your Home Chapter will remain the same. Recently we were allowing Chapter MEC's to change Member Chapter assignments. This was due to a Chapter of the Year recruiting and retention contest, which ended on November 1st, 2010. Members will now need to call and change their own Chapter assignment with our friendly Member Services Team at 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PHOENIX :

Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) announced it will bring to an end its planning of the Trikes & Bikes Rally that was to be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky on Sep 30th to Oct 2nd. This rally was to be a continuation of the five year history of trike rallies that have been held in great cities like Bardstown, Kentucky and Branson, Missouri.

These rallies focused on the emerging trike industry and were the first in the industry to be primarily geared toward trikes. GWRRA values its partners in the industry, namely the vendors, hotels, the CVB, facilities, all of our Members and guests and especially the Volunteers for supporting our efforts. Given the economic conditions as they are for 2011 and the rallies already planned in this region, GWRRA will look to 2012 for a new venue and a way to make it a bigger and better rally for our Members and vendors. GWRRA wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to the many folks who have helped us over the years with the trike rallies and look forward to serving you better in the years to come.

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