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# MISSOURI CHAPTER "P"



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## Join Chapter P

For those of you who know GWRRA, you know it's a place to have fun! For those of you who aren't familiar, there are chapters of GWRRA members throughout Missouri so that any motorcycle enthusiast has a place to come and ride, laugh and grow with friends.

## A Word from our CD's

Well a New Year has come and the Holidays are over. I hope everyone had a good holiday season and that the New Year brings you much happiness. We had a nice get together at the Wahle's for our December meeting. We had a wonderful meal and I would like to thank them for being our hosts. We need to get started thinking about the upcoming riding season. Hopefully over the next couple of months we can come up with some enjoyable rides and outings.

The next event on our schedule is the fish fry which is this Saturday January 24th. I am asking for anybody that can help to please show up for this event. It is one of the few times that we have visitors and I hope we can make them feel welcome and have a little fun in the process. We will discuss this at the meeting this Thursday January 22nd.

The calendar for area events is pretty slim this time of year. I haven't seen too many people so I don't know if anyone enjoyed a Polar Bear Run on New Years day. If you did go let me know how you enjoyed it. The next thing on the District calendar is Spring Fling, which is February 21, at the Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. If anyone needs to make reservations please call 800-532-3575.

Hope to see you soon.

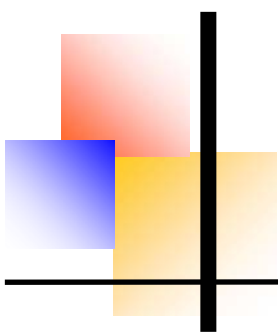
Theresa & Bill

**Directions to Chapter P Fish Fry**  
**January 24, 2009**

Due to road construction in Sullivan, anyone interested in going to the Chapter P fish fry should probably follow the following instructions:

Coming from Rolla (west): exit at the west overpass and turn right, at the stop light make a left (Springfield Road) and go to the stop sign, veer right at the stop sign and at the next stop sign make a right, (Clark Street), stay on Clark until you cross the railroad tracks and then make a right, go two blocks and make a left (just before the Bank of Sullivan), this is Hughes Ford Road, go about two blocks down Hughes Ford and the IOOF Hall will be on the right.

Coming from the east: exit at the east overpass and make a left, go to the stoplight and make a right,(Springfield Road), stay on Springfield to the first stop sign, stay straight to the second stop sign (less than a block) and make a left, (Clark Street) stay on Clark Street until you cross the railroad tracks and then make a right, go two blocks and make a left (just before the Bank of Sullivan), this is Hughes Ford Road, go about two blocks and the IOOF Hall will be on the right



# Rider Education

## Riding Smart

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) characterizes a good motorcyclist as one who has a desire and motivation to choose to reduce risk. Loosely translated, this means continuing to seek ways to ride more safely. When confronted with obstacle or hazard, a motorcyclist has only three options:

1. Change speed. (Speed up, slow down, or stop.)
2. Change position. (Move left or right in a turn or swerve. Or move forward or backward with regard to other vehicles, so as to be able to better see or be seen.)
3. Communicate. (Through our actions, be they hand-signals, lights, horn or lane position.)

The same three options exist regardless of what category the hazard falls into:

1. The road and/or road surface.
2. Traffic control markings and devices.
3. Other highway users.
4. Animals or pedestrians.

Although the skills of cornering and swerving, shifting and stopping are fundamental, it is a good idea to verify that the techniques that you use everyday are technically correct and the best they can be. In normal, everyday riding, basic everyday skills will get you there and back in one piece. It is under extraordinary conditions, those that typically result in crashes, when well-honed skills and proper technique will save your bacon.

Minimizing the frequency or likelihood of these extraordinary conditions requires the use of strategies:

1. To see and be seen.
2. To locate and identify hazards early.
3. To prepare yourself and your machine.
4. To recognize and ride within your limits and those of your machine and the environment.

Since motorcycling is 90% mental and 10% physical it is important to learn as much as you can the easy way, because the hard way is much to painful and dangerous. Periodic MSF refresher courses in addition to published articles on riding are ways to increase your knowledge while keeping fun and safety in your riding.

If you haven't already done so, join the rider education program. If you have, then renew your commitment by continuing by actively participating in the program. If you truly enjoy riding as I do, you owe it to yourself to strive to be the safest rider you can be. Your life and health are too precious to take unnecessary chances.

by Howard Fingerhut    New Jersey G

## GWRRA offers much to enjoy

- January 24, 2009      **Chapter P Fish Fry** Sullivan, MO IOOF Hall – eat at 1:00 PM  
Contact: Bill and Teresa Houser 573-468-8827
- February 21, 2009      **Missouri District Spring Fling** “Ride back to the 20’s”  
The Resort at Port Arrowhead at Lake of the Ozarks. MO  
For reservations call 800-532-3575  
Contact: Laverne and Shirley Schell, 417-889-0321 [lsschell\\_20@yahoo.com](mailto:lsschell_20@yahoo.com)
- February 22, 2009      **Missouri District Staff Meeting @ 9:00 AM** The Resort at Port Arrowhead at  
Lake of the Ozarks. MO Contact: Laverne and Shirley Schell, 417-889-0321  
[lsschell\\_20@yahoo.com](mailto:lsschell_20@yahoo.com)
- April 11, 2009      **Chapter K ERC Course** Contact: Fred Mays 816-254-8165
- April 11, 2009      **Chapter Z Crazy Bowl** Contact: Tom Stewart 636-461-1681
- April 21, 2009      **Chapter T Dogwood Run** Neosho, MO Contact: Stan Little 417-776-7386
- April 30-May 1,2, 2009 **Missouri District Rally** “Wing the Ozarks” Area 57 @ Dick Clark Thea-  
ter/Ramada Inn Complex Branson, MO For reservations call 800-641-4106  
Contact: Laverne and Shirley Schell, 417-889-0321 [lsschell\\_20@yahoo.com](mailto:lsschell_20@yahoo.com)
- May 21-23, 09      **Arkansas District Rally** Rogers, AR. Contact Dale and Carolyn Frieden 479-229-3370
- June 4-6, 2009      **Nebraska District Rally** Marina Inn Conference Center South Sioux City,  
Nebraska 402-494-4000 Contact: Lance and Dianne Brozek 402-582-4726 or  
Don and Griffiths 402-562-8138

## LOOK FOR US ON THE WEB

As many of you know, Chapter P is on the web. Our address is [www.fidnet.com/~daved](http://www.fidnet.com/~daved)  
Most of Chapter P’s information will appear somewhere on the web-site. This site is in place for your convenience, and to let others, both members and non-members to know how much fun we have, what we’re about, and what we have planned to do. Likewise, the Missouri District has a new web-site. In fact, they have established their own domain. The address for the Missouri District web-site is: [www.mogwrra.org](http://www.mogwrra.org)  
Check both sites often to find out what is planned.

### **Web Sites**

*MO Chapter P*  
<http://www.fidnet.com/~daved>

*GWRRA*  
<http://www.gwrra.org>

*GWRRA Region E*  
<http://www.gwrra-region-e.com>

*GWRRA Missouri District*  
<http://www.mogwrra.org>