



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

A reminder to all that we have changed our meeting place to the Pizza, Pasta, and More restaurant. This is located at 43 Prairie Dell Plaza Drive in Union. We will meet on the fourth Tuesday in May (26th) and then will change over to the third Thursday in June. I think we can have our meetings on the third Thursday for the rest of the year. Meeting time will continue to be at 6:00 PM.

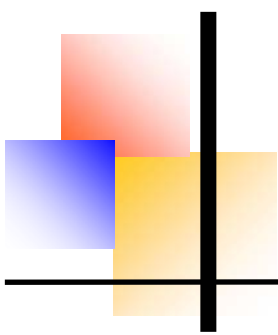
To anyone who went to the Branson Rally all I can say is I hope you didn't get webbed feet. The weather wasn't the most cooperative, but most people seemed to still enjoy themselves. They have already scheduled to have the rally at the same place next year. The facilities seemed to work out pretty well, and with the weather it was nice to be able to move a few things indoors.

Dave Dawson planned a very nice Spring ride. The turnout was sparse, but with graduations, weddings, and just that time of year when there are a lot of things going on at once, it is understandable. Dave took the ride through some very scenic places, and if you have never been to that part of the country you should try to schedule a trip sometime. There are curves on some of the mountain roads that you will swear that you are meeting yourself as you come out of them.

The calendar ahead is starting to get busier. On June 6th both Chapter O and Chapter C are having Poker Runs so if you can, try to get to one of these events. Our Drive Inn get together is scheduled for June 20th. We should meet the Thursday before this, so I will try to get the names of the movies that will be showing by that time. Again I am asking for any ride suggestions that you can come up with. They don't have to be anything in particular. If you have a favorite place to eat we can possibly get the group to set a date and all ride for dinner or lunch..

Hope every one gets the time to stop and smell the roses, and enjoy the upcoming riding season.

Theresa and Bill



Rider Education

Safety is All in the Mind

Your safety while riding is really all in your mind. Oh, sure, there are things that you can do to impair your safety physically, but it really starts in the mind.

Everyone would agree that your chances of surviving an incident are greater if you are wearing proper riding gear. But why do or don't you wear it? Because of what you value and think about. If you think your safety is important, you tend to wear more gear and ride safer. On the other hand, perhaps you're the rider in denial: "It'll never happen to me." But if that's you, you probably aren't even reading my articles. Or perhaps you have convinced yourself that safe clothing is uncomfortable. If so, you obviously haven't tried very hard to find proper fitting riding gear in this modern age. Don't wear Big Joe's hand-me-down that is 20 years old and never even fit him properly. Go get yourself some current, properly fitted riding gear.

"What about physical impairments," you ask. You mean like alcohol? Well it was your mind that made the decision to drink and ride. My brother and I have a pact to follow the airline pilots' rule of thumb: 8 hours from bottle to throttle. You can make your own decisions on the subject, but it's still **your** decision to make. And fatigue? Same thing. It's your decision whether to get on the bike and ride in the condition you're in. It's your mind that is in charge.

But the area that has tripped me up the most and I continue to work on is what David Hough, in his book *More Proficient Motorcycling*, calls Wimp-O-Phobia. It's that male ego response to another rider or vehicle where we push ourselves and our bikes to their outer limits. You know, like

when you fall behind your group and you decide to whip around a couple of cars at high speed to catch up. I'm guilty of doing that. I even bragged a couple of times about how I pulled it off before I realized what a stupid maneuver it was and how lucky I was that I didn't get killed in the process.

Or maybe some rider on a sport bike comes zipping up behind you and then whips out into the next lane and screams past you, not even bothering to give you a courtesy wave. Feel your muscles tense and the bike seems to accelerate all on its own? That's Wimp-O-Phobia rearing its ugly head. And it's all in your mind. It's up to you to calm your mind down and thus calm down the rest of your body and bring yourself back to safe riding practices.

One of the greatest risks to your safety is denial that you're in charge and you're responsible for your own safety. Listen to the way people talk about their accidents and you know right away whether they have taken responsibility for the things they could have done differently, and avoided the incident, but did not; or if they are just laying the blame on their mechanic, the bike manufacturer, the road or weather conditions. John Maxwell, a well-known author on business leadership, has a saying that, "You can't learn anything from something you make excuses for." We all make poor decisions from time to time. Let's just learn from them instead of excusing them away.

It's up to each of us to choose to ride safer so that we can ride more. You decide.

By Mark Caldwell WA-E



Dean & Shirley- COY Presentation



Blues Bros- entertaining us at dinner



Yes, I really do like ribs!



Get in line behind-- who/what?



"Terry" is now our Instructor?



Donna & Marvin to "Ride for Rt 66 Relay"

GWRRA offers much to enjoy

- 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
- June 6, 2009 **Chapter O Poker Run** Big St. Charles Motorsports St. Charles Mo. Contact: Joe & Joyce Long (636) 661-5309
- June 6, 2009 **Chapter C Poker Run** 5800 Busiek Road Farmington, MO Contact: Perry and Shirley Smith 573-760-1924
- July 2-5, 2009 **Wing Ding 31** Tulsa Expo Square Tulsa, Oklahoma www.wing-ding.org
- 24-25, 2009 **Minnesota District Rally** "Ride to the River" Riverport Inn (Host Hotel) Winona, MN 507-452-0606 Contact: Kevin and Cindy Heap 763-477-6579
- July 31-Aug.1,2009 **Illinois District Rally** Place: TBA Contact: Steve and Sandy Schager

LOOK FOR US ON THE WEB

As many of you know, Chapter P is on the web. Our address is 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 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>



Biscuits, gravy, grits...a “huge” pancake...umm good

PICNIC AT THE HOLLANDSWORTH'S

June 14, 2009 at 1:00 pm

Come and bring your own lawn chairs, a fishing pole and a covered dish with food in it.

From Owensville take highway 28 west to EE. Turn south on EE, go 2.8 miles, then turn right on the first gravel road (Jett Road). Go ½ mile to Farris Road and make a left, then go 1.3 miles. The lake will be on the left side of the road. The roads will be marked.