

Region E



**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION**

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# MISSOURI CHAPTER "P"



## A Word from our CD's

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*2009 Couple of the Year*  
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WELL, NOVEMBER IS HERE AND MOST OF THE BEAUTIFUL RIDING DAYS ARE A PLEASANT MEMORY.

MANY OF US TRAVELED QUITE A BIT OVER THE LATE SUMMER AND FALL. SEVERAL OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS ENJOYED A TRIP TO ARKANSAS WHILE THE WAHLES AND BLACKS TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER GWRRA COUPLE FROM KANSAS TRAVELED 3700 MILES THROUGH THE SOUTHWEST. BILL AND TERESA TESTED THEIR NEW TRIKE WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH YELLOWSTONE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. MARVIN AND DONNA TRIED TO MAKE IT TO CALIFORNIA, BUT HAD TO CUT THE TRIP SHORT.

SEVERAL FROM THE CHAPTER BRAVED THE COLD AND RODE TO THE APPLE FESTIVAL AT VERSAILLES IN OCTOBER.

TWELVE MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER ATTENDED THE DISTRICT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7TH AT VERSAILLES. OUR CHAPTER RECEIVED A CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. THANKS TO CHAPTER B-2 FOR PROVIDING SUCH A TASTY LUNCH.. JARI MADE A DELICIOUS CAKE IN HONOR OF LAVERNE AND SHIRLEY SCHELL, THE OUTGOING DISTRICT DIRECTORS. BOB AND DIANE PHELPS WILL BE THE NEW DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND CLAYTON AND LINDA ALCORN, BETTER KNOWN AS "MOM AND DAD" WILL BE THE NEW REGION E DIRECTORS.

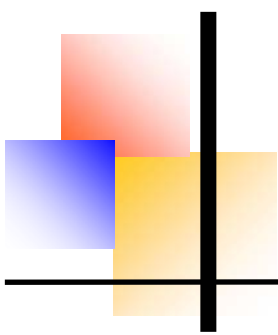
A HEARTY THANK YOU TO TERESA AND BILL HOUSER AKA "TERRY" FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. MANY MANY THANKS, GUYS! ALSO, THANKS TO SHIRLEY WILLIAMS FOR CONTINUING TO BE OUR TREASURER AND TO BOB SCOTT FOR DOING OUR NEWSLETTERS.

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, THE 19TH AT PIZZA AND PASTA, AT 6:00 P.M. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL, FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

KEN AND JANET (BARBIE)

## 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.



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## Rider Education

### Fewer Daylight Hours

A number of area riders had the experience recently of having to ride for quite a few miles directly into a setting sun. The glare was not only a strain on tired eyes but also a very real safety issue, as it effectively blocked all visual detail in the landscape and made scanning for hazards almost impossible. Our lead bike saved several riders a bad spill by warning us of a large dog in the road: our thanks to him was heartfelt, because although the dog was roughly the size and shape of an adult Wolfhound (not a small critter!) and came completely into the lane, it was in shadow and couldn't be seen against the brilliant sun until we were all but on top of it.

Here's a thought about seasonal trip planning. During our long summer days, a group of motorcyclists can make good time and cover plenty of miles by getting an early start, when the temperatures are still cool. Even after taking a break in the hottest part of the day, many summer riders are already checked into their night's lodging and enjoying the pool by sunset. By the time the sun drops to the horizon and starts causing problems with visibility, their bikes are put to bed. As the daylight hours grow shorter, however, it becomes normal or even necessary to keep riding until twilight in order to make the day's destination.

Those who are planning rides can save themselves and their riding buddies headaches (literally) and worse by giving some thought to the sun's position relative to routing. If you're riding eastward, try to do so in the afternoon or evening so that the sun will be behind you. If westward bound, set off in the morning and keep the sun to your back. If neither of these scenarios is possible on your route, plan to take the north or south legs of a trip late in the afternoon, and do your east-west travel according to the sun's positioning earlier in the day.

While all of us who tour become familiar with riding toward the sun and that "tipped head" position it can take (to permit a helmet edge, visor, or sunglasses frame to block the brightest light), this should be an occasional remedy and not one regularly used. It shouldn't be done for miles on top of miles, either, as this adds considerably to a rider's fatigue and stress. When it's become too painful or really impossible to see where you're going and what's on the road, the best choice is not to ride. Take a break, wait for the glare to diminish, and then go on. Otherwise you may be taking a chance that tearful admonitions to "Go to the Light!" will be the last thing you hear!

By Cash Anthony  
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**Chapter P: Housers, Wahles & Blacks --**



**-- Dawsons & Scotts at Versailles meeting**



**Bill "Terry" is certified - Glen, too.**



**Bob, & Diane Phelps & their Staff for 2010**



**Janet & Ken take oath with other Directors**



**Past Dist Director Schell's Chapter Cake- by Jari**

## **GWRRA offers much to enjoy**

January 30, 2010 **Chapter P Fish Fry**, Sullivan IOOF Lodge Hall, 77 Hughes Ford Rd. Eat at 1pm. Contact Ken & Janet Wahle, kwahle71@gmail.com

### **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>