

Region E



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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MISSOURI CHAPTER "P"



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2009 Couple of the Year
Dean & Shirley Williams

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

Theresa and I will not be with you at the meeting this month. She is forcing me to take a vacation and hopefully we will be out at Yellowstone National Park or on our way home when you get together. Ken Wahle said he would run the meeting so if you have any suggestions it would be a good time to bring them up and discuss them.

Dave Dawson had scheduled a nice fall ride and hopefully some of you got to go with him. We made a similar trip in the spring and it was really enjoyable.

The calendar is starting to wind down for the season, however there are several possible rides still on the calendar. Chapter K is having a Harvest Moon Ride on September 19. The St. Louis Ride for Kids is September 20. The Missouri District Picnic is on September 26th at Rolla, and it would be nice to organize the chapter and ride up together. B2 is having their Annual Old Tyme Apple Festival on October 3rd. Another event coming up that would be nice to get the chapter together on would be the A-Z Poker Run, which is on October 4th. Hopefully some of you can make it to these rides.

Our October meeting will be on Thursday the 15th. We will hope to see you there. One other meeting that is coming up that some of you might be interested in is the District Operational Meeting at Versailles on Nov 7th.

Have fun and safe rides,

Theresa and Bill

Arkansas Fall Ride

Our Fall ride took off from Flying J at 9am Friday – and after picking up the Richardson's at St James – numbered nine bikes. Dave had his work cut out!

After a Quick lunch at Houston. it was on to Grand Gulf State Park. Made it to Mt View & booked into motel before a truly Tasty Meal at Jo Jo's Catfish Wharf. Then the group listened to music at "Minnies Pickin Porch" on the Square, before calling it a night.

Saturday, after a hearty breakfast, Roger & Dean headed back home to work- and The rest headed for more scenic views and there were a lot of those...including a Black Bear & two Cubs seen at an unscheduled stop.. we guess it was meant to be!

After a twisty ride on Hwy 123 (The Pig Trail) , we stopped on Hwy 7 for a good lunch at the Cliff House Inn (even the Liver & Onions waitresses seemed a mite "reluctant" to serve Robert). A little shower didn't slow us down much except for Frog-Tog suit up time. We rolled up to the Hub about 3pm / and Mark headed back to Missouri at this point. The owners & their Dog greeted us! We found our rooms, napped, emailed and all that, before going in search of Elk. We found them at Boxley Valley Historic Dist., Buffalo River National Park Service, but they stayed at a distance, making picture taking difficult.

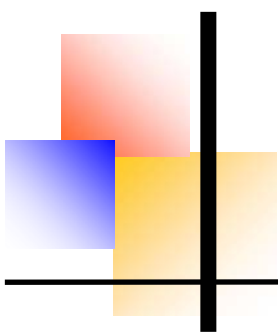
Back at the Hub again, it was dinner time at Scooters Restaurant – everyone hated to skip The Pig Roast- no one was that hungry, but we noticed a good crowd rolled in for the event.

Sun. morning had us in the restaurant with a Chap "P" Shirt to sign & put on their Wall. After a good breakfast, we were homeward bound in a light, misty rainfall. Donna & Marvin headed in a different direction, so now we numbered 5 bikes going to the Peel Ferry. When our group left the ferry, we waved to another group getting on the ferry.

Robert & Wilma dropped off - bound for Old Dawt Mill for lunch and then to Montauk State Park for over night. David brought his remaining crew home about Two forty five- a tired but happy bunch who had made another successful ride.

Thanks Dave, from everyone who made the ride. Those of you not able to go along were Definitely Missed!! (and, ya missed a good time!) Here's hoping you will all be along next time, wherever we go.

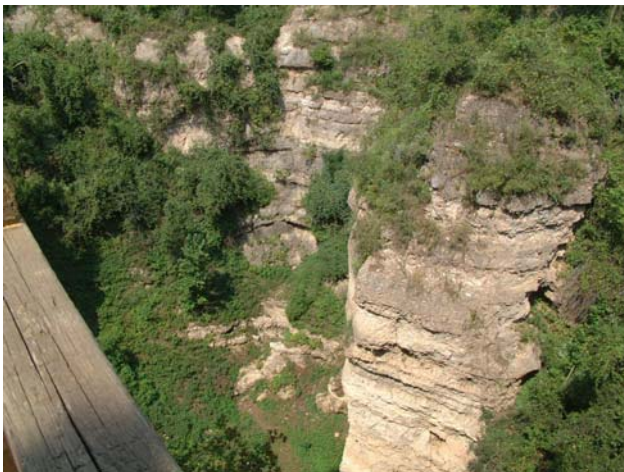
Wilma & Robert



Rider Education

Winter Tire Pressure

CHECKED YOUR WING'S TIRE PRESSURES LATELY? It's been an up and down winter weather-wise so far, with occasional unseasonably mild days. I had a day off recently when the thermometer reached a very un-January-like 70 degrees, so, naturally, I had to take my Gold Wing out for a ride. I've ridden enough this winter to keep the battery and alternator up, but that's about all. Before riding, I checked the tire pressure. The front tire was where it was supposed to be, but the rear was down to 35 pounds from the proper 40. After airing it up properly, I took my ride. How long has it been since you've checked your tires, not only for wear and damage, but air pressure? Just sitting in a cold garage or carport will cause a slow, gradual loss of pressure. I am good about checking my tires frequently in the primary spring to fall riding season, but I don't think I'm the only one who's been a little lax in doing so in the winter. So, take this as a reminder Check the air pressure when the tires are cold, before going your next ride. If you haven't been out on your Wing for awhile, don't be surprised to find your tire pressures not to be the optimum number of pounds shown in your owner's manual. Ride safely... Dave Ward, Chapter Educator...Oklahoma Chapter P



Grand Gulf State Park



9/11 reminder Freedom is not Free



Mt View Music Entertainment



Umm good- at JoJo's Catfish Wharf



Donna & Marvin at bottom of a switchback



When at the Hub, add your name to this shirt



Live to Ride- Ride to Eat (good motto)



Departing Ferry-Notice Raingear

GWRRA offers much to enjoy

- Sept. 19, 2009 **Chapter K Harvest Moon Ride** Contact: Ryan and Mary Tinkler 816-318-9829
- Sept. 20, 2009 **St. Louis Ride for Kids** Cottleville, MO Contact: Norm Riekema 636-278-4090
- Sept. 26, 2009 **Missouri District Annual Appreciation Picnic** Place: Rolla Lion's Club Park in Rolla, MO Time: 11:00—3:00 (eat at 1:00) Contact Laverne & Shirley Schell 417-889-0321
- October 3, 2009 **Chapter B2 – Ol'e Time Apple Festival** Versailles, MO Contact: Glenn and Carol White 573-378-7100
- October 4, 2009 **A to Z Poker Run** Contact Tom Stewart 636-461-1681
- October 8-10, 2009 **Oklahoma District Rally** Muskogee, OK Contact: Rick and Robin Greninger 918-272-9055
- October 13-18, 2009 **Chapter O Down the Natchez Trace** to Mississippi Dist. Rally Contact: Joe and Joyce Long 636-661-5309
- October 17, 2009 **Chapter W Toy Run for Salvation Army** Contact: Norm and Sandy Sallee 573-886-7811
- November 1, 2009 **Chapter O Fall Color Ride** Contact: Joe and Joyce Long 636-661-5309

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
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GWRRA Missouri District
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