

March 2010

RIVERBEND RIDERS



Chapter Director's Report

I hope everyone remembered to turn their clocks ahead one hour. Remember to take pictures at the events you attend and get them to Barb Johnson for the chapter scrapbook that will be going to Goldrush. She prefers printed pictures, NOT emailed pictures. She will go through lots of ink & photo paper. We also need to send current pictures to Wayne for our website, Kevin for the newsletter, & the Region C webmaster for the Region C website. Nonperishable food was collected for the HIS KIDS Food Pantry. Thanks to those who were able to contribute. I know it isn't always easy to do. Thanks to Kevin Harvey for printing up some attendance sheets that will be given out at each meeting for those leading rides in that month. Then the attendance sheet needs to be given to Joanne Ulrich so she can update the points system. Thanks goes to those who contributed \$5,000 from Region C, of the \$25,000 that was donated to National, to get GWTA back on track. Barb said the Board & Operations is working side-by-side to see that we do not get in this situation again. It kind of happened, before we realized it.

I would like to thank Judy, her friend, & Hollywood for helping our "Relay for Life" team raise \$4,000 to help the fight against cancer in honor of my Aunt, June Maloney, who died of ovarian cancer. I also lost another aunt, Judy Strubel, to multiple myeloma, a form of bone cancer, both at the young age of 64. Thanks to Joanne for helping Mom & I sell refreshments.

If anyone is interested in making a shield for Goldrush, please let me know ASAP. If you are NOT attending Goldrush, Bill & I would be happy to transport it for you.

Judy brought to my attention that we had not nominated anyone for "Family of the Year". Currently, there are NO nominations in all the Illinois chapters. Ralph & Sue Schempp were nominated from our chapter. I will be calling them soon to see if they are attending Spring Breakout, Region C, & Goldrush. You must attend these events in case you go through all the channels to win at the National level. They are well deserving of the honor.

Spring Breakout was discussed that we needed 2 volunteers to help serve lunch on Saturday. Hollywood & Barb have volunteered to do that. We also needed 2 volunteers to dish up rootbeer floats Saturday evening. Barb, Joanne, & Porky volunteered to help with the ice cream. Jackie is donating a gumball machine for the State auction that will be on display by noon on Saturday. Please dress Western all day on Saturday. Bring your dominoes, LRC game, board games, 2 dirty bingo gifts for each person playing, money for 50/50, LRC & auction. Hollywood & I will be attending the Chapter Director's meeting on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. I will prepare a short report for the Sunday morning State meeting. Hope to see many of you there.

March 2010

Riverbend Riders newsletter is a monthly publication of the local chapter of GWTA. The newsletter was established to inform members (past, present, & future) about upcoming local, state, regional, & national events & to promote responsible motorcycling & creates a positive image of the motorcyclist.

Meetings:

TA Truck Stop,
I-55/70 at Hwy 162 in Troy, IL.,
Second Saturday of each month at
7PM. (Come early for dinner &
socializing.)

Newsletter Articles:

Submit articles &/or pictures to the editor within 3 days of each monthly meeting. Articles may be sent via e-mail, or U.S. Mail.

Advertising:

Any individual or business wishing to advertise in this publication may contact the editor or any member. Advertising are \$30/yr.

Riverbend Riders' newsletter is available free to all local members, national, regional, & state officers, past & potential members, friends, & advertisers.

The newsletter is made available by the sponsors listed within.

The newsletter is available via the U.S. Mail or e-mail.



CHAPTER B DIRECTOR

Deb Brem
618-538-7511
618-978-4316
wbrm2843@aol.com

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Jim (Hollywood) Ulrich
618-377-5839
goldriders@aol.com

EDITOR/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Kevin Harvey
618-410-3767
twoharveys@yahoo.com

SECRETARY

Steve Duff
618-406-4789
steduff2@charter.net

TREASURER

Marilyn Meskil
618-654-3327
hmmeskil@hometel.com.

RIDE COORDINATOR

Joanne Ulrich
618-377-5839
goldriders@aol.com

SAFETY DIRECTOR

Bill Brem
618-978-2444
wbrm2843@aol.com

WAYS AND MEANS

Joe & Mary Ann Gain
618-233-0815
gain90171@peaknet.net

HISTORIAN

THIS POSITION IS OPEN

WEBMASTER

Wayne Phillips
618-558-1712
phillips5783@att.net

GWTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bruce & Linda Keenon
260-358-0851
GWTAED@aol.com

REGION "C" DIRECTOR

Rick & Kandie Hinrich
402-578-2368
papawing1@cox.net

ILLINOIS STATE DIRECTORS

Phil & Judy Schaefer
116 Andrew Drive
Swansea, IL 62226
P-618-407-0939
J-618-593-8269
chaefy@att.net

CHAPTER A

"Central Illinois Wings"
Marvin & Dorothy Young
815-457-2667

CHAPTER C

"Windy City Wings"
Mark & Linda Busse
224-535-6722
ellmarko@yahoo.com

CHAPTER F

"Fun Troop Riders"
Art & Laurie Eichelberger
815-264-3271
goldwing99@verizon.net

CHAPTER G

"Lincoln Land Gold Wheels"
Leo & Linda Prentice
prenticeod@hotmail.com
630-971-8861

CHAPTER H

"River City Riders"
Russell & Margaret Lee
309-755-0232
magandrusty2@aol.com

CHAPTER P

"Southern Pride"
Gary & Vicky Berkemeier
618-424-7752
gvberky@hotmail.com

CHAPTER M—pending

"Downstate Cruisers"
Gladys & Dave Berkemeier
618-566-7096
dgberke@ezeeweb.com

March 2010

Chapter Director's Article , cont. Deb Brem

Spring Breakout was discussed that we needed 2 volunteers to help serve lunch on Saturday. Hollywood & Barb have volunteered to do that. We also needed 2 volunteers to dish up rootbeer floats Saturday evening. Barb, Joanne, & Porky volunteered to help with the ice cream. Jackie is donating a gumball machine for the State auction that will be on display by noon on Saturday. Please dress Western all day on Saturday. Bring your dominoes, LRC game, board games, 2 dirty bingo gifts for each person playing, money for 50/50, LRC & auction. Hollywood & I will be attending the Chapter Director's meeting on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. I will prepare a short report for the Sunday morning State meeting. Hope to see many of you there.

Kevin would appreciate all articles, pictures, & minutes to him by the Saturday following the meeting. That way he can get the newsletter out in a timely manner so folks that were unable to attend the meeting know what is going on. Let's all do our part to make this happen.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND—Those going to Eureka Springs &/OR the Passion Play need to get their reservations made. It is a 5 hour trip. Kevin plans to leave Thursday or early Friday morning. The campground is Wonderlust RV Park. You can go to WonderlustRV.com to make reservations. They have a link also for the Passion Play. The cost to camp is \$27.50, with 2 motorcycle campers per site. You can tell them you are with the Harvey party, if you want to be camped around Kevin & Kris. There is a 2 night minimum stay. They plan to attend the Passion Play on Saturday evening. The cost is \$24 each. You can go to greatpassion-play.com to learn more about the Passion Play, which is 2 hours long, 1-800-253-7385. It is an outdoor event.

Barb made a suggestion that we attend the Narrow Road Riders event at RPM in Belleville following our Helmet Collection & lunch on Saturday, April 24. We can give out flyers for our Belleville Honda Open House. It takes attending others events in order to get attendance at ours. If you want to just attend the RPM event & give out flyers, while others collect for HIS KIDS, that would be wonderful. We could kill two birds with one stone!

March 2010

March 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 13, 2010

LOCATION: TA Travel Center, Troy, IL

1. The meeting was called to order by Director Deb Brim at 7pm.

2. Guests: Sherry & Larry Emerick, Stephanie & Nick Brem, Kristina Martinusen & Jeff Rock, and Dusty

3. Reports:

Deb Brim - Director

- Any emails OR newsletter articles/pictures you need to send to all members, please send to Kevin Harvey. Event reminders to Kevin by Monday of the event week. Remember to send pictures to Wayne for our chapter website. Get pictures to Barb for our Chapter scrapbook for Goldrush, hard copy pictures please, no emailed pictures thank you. You can also send pictures to the Region C webmaster at webmaster@gwta-c.com to help our chapter get recognized on our regional website.
- I have sent out sponsor letters for the newsletter. Not sure how many we will get. Some are reducing costs by eliminating sponsorships. If you would like me to send a letter to a business, please give me the name & full address OR email address. I will be happy to send them out. Still NO responses to the letters that have been sent.
- **SPRING BREAK OUT** - was discussed. Several volunteered to help with serving lunch on Saturday and also with root beer floats in the evening. Deb and Jim will be attending the State meeting Sunday morning. Ralph and Sue were nominated for our 'Family of the Year'. Deb was checking to see if they will accept. It's still not too late to make the trip. Check past emails for information.
- Anyone want raffle tickets to sell for Gold Rush? Please see Deb for tickets.
- HIS KIDS food pantry collection for March.
- Kevin printed attendance sheets for those having events this month. I printed sponsor letters for those attending restaurants. Remember, the Ride Captain needs to get the attendance to JoAnne for ride tracking.
- Trivia Night was attended by Hollywood, Judy, & Judy's friend. Thanks for helping us raise \$4,000. Rick, Region C directors, reports there has been approximately \$25,000 collected to help us survive. There was \$5,000 collected from Region C.
- Rider Education - My goal this year is to have 100% participation in the rider education program. The purpose is to educate us to be better motorcycle riders & co-riders. I have gained a lot of knowledge from the co-rider courses. Level I is **Knowledge**. In order to achieve this level, your rider must have a motorcycle license. At least 80% successful completion of a knowledge test & evaluation administered by chapter rider education director. The knowledge test consists of general riding & related safety topics. Evaluation covers personal safe riding attitudes as demonstrated during chapter rides/functions

March 2010

Level II is **Education** which requires being enrolled in Level 1, rider/co-rider must have completed an MSF or approved course within the last 2 years. Co-rider can qualify by attending a co-rider seminar in last 2 years. Tom & Barb certified to teach MSF course. They are offered at Region C sometimes & Goldrush.

Level III is **Preparedness** which consists of wearing protective clothing, carrying a first aid kit, & having a current first aid certification plus completion of Level II.

Level IV is **Enhanced Commitment** which requires completion of Level III, having a current CPR/First Aid certification, active participation in organized practice sessions, & rider/co-rider having completed an MSR or approved equivalent course within the last 2 years. Co-rider can qualify by having attended a seminar within last 2 years.

New members who need this are: Steve Duff, Joe & MaryAnn Gain, Oscar & Sandee Gain, Allen & Cheryl Ernst, Bob Cust, Kris Harvey.

Jim Ulrich - Assistant Director

Contacts have been made to encourage membership renewal.

See Jim if you need a new member book.

Marilyn Meskil - Treasurer

Marilyn submitted the report.

The Chapter checkbook was audited by Deb and Mary Ann. Everything checks out and in balance.

Steve Duff - Secretary

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

March birthdays: 3-Beth Landolt.

March Anniversary: 6-Dean & Lee Heflin.

Several members are out sick or recovering from illness and surgery. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Kevin Harvey - Newsletter/Public Relations

Please have inputs for the monthly newsletter in as soon as possible but no later than 1 week after the meeting (following Saturday).

Vacant - Historian

Volunteer at each meeting to share something with the group.

Still need a volunteer for the Historian position.

Joanne Ulrich - Ride Coordinator

Upcoming Rides/Events:

March 19-21, is the **Spring Breakout in Springfield, IL**, Ramada Inn Limited.

April 10, Saturday, Safety meeting at Villa Hills Baptist at 4 pm. Following is our regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm.

April 17 is our Progressive Dinner. Ride starting at 11:00 am at Nick & Stephanie Brem's home for Hor'durvs. Then we go to Barb & Tom Johnson's for soup/salad. On to Jane & Kevin's for the main course. Then off to Jim & Joanne's for dessert.

April 24, Saturday, is the Annual HIS KIDS Helmet Collection at Circle K from 7:00 am to Noon. We will use our helmets, with a plastic bag inside as a liner, to collect the money. Please wear your bright orange chapter shirt. Lunch will follow at Jefferson's.

April 24, Saturday, RPM's (Triumph Motorcycle Dealer) Open House on the South Belt Rd (Hwy 13) (next to the Wonder Bread Outlet) in Belleville.

March 2010

Chapter Directories are available. If you need one please let JoAnne know.

Hard copies of the directory can be picked up at any chapter function.

General discussion about past events:

- Feb 20 was lunch and a movie. We had a good attendance.

Feb 21 was Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston for brunch lead by Barb Johnson. Everyone had a great time.

Wayne Phillips - Web Master

- Wayne email address: phillips5783@att.net. Remember to send pictures to Wayne for our web site to keep it up-to-date.
Still researching alternative Web Hosting options.

Bill Brem - Safety Director

Bike Safety Tips

Safety check your bike

Check brakes

Tire Pressures

There is still a lot of 'road trash' on the roadways...be alert to debris, sand and other stuff in your riding lane.

Joe and Mary Gain - Ways & Mean

Need Chapter patches?

Bring 50/50 prizes for each meeting

4. **National/Regional Matters** - Barb and Tom Johnson

Barb Johnson gave a short report on the National Office

AMA membership is a good idea, for \$39 annual fee you get among other benefits, road side assistance regardless of the vehicle you are traveling in.

Check out the AMA website at: <http://www.ama-cycle.org/>

5. **State Matters**

Judy talked about 'Spring Break-out' this year in Springfield. It's going to be a great time...doesn't miss out. The theme is Western Dress, get the cowboy hats and six shooters ready to go!!

6. **Unfinished Business**

Re-hosting the Website - Wayne is looking into our different options to be discussed

7. **New Business** -

HIS Kids Golf Tourney Saturday 24 April, Oak Brook Golf Course in Edwardsville. For more information contact Deb to get a flier.

The Harvey's are planning a trip Memorial Day Weekend to Eureka

Springs Arkansas to attend the passion play there. The outdoor theater holds around 4000. They will be attending the Saturday evening performance, tickets are \$24 each (\$48 a couple). Camping at the WonderLust (800-253-7385) camp ground, \$27.50 per night - 2 night minimum - mention the 'Riverbend Riders' or the Harveys' by name so they can group us together. Departing 27 May. More to come on this outing, several expressed interest in going. Watch for email updates.

March 2010

8. 50/50 Raffle Winners -

- Ron won the 50/50.
Dusty won the second drawing.

9. Attendance Prizes

Bob = hanging tent light
Bill - mug
Kris - bungee cords
Kris - candle dish
Porky - tickets for Goldrush
Kristine = candle
Marilyn - Destination Flag
Kristine - water gauge
Jim - Cap - 'Bright Pink'
Ken - towel
Dusty - candle
Dusty - 10 Tickets special drawing
Joe and MaryAnn - 10 Tickets special drawing

10. Announcements

None

Meeting Adjourned - Jim made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and it was 2nd by Steve. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

//SIGNED//
STEVEN DUFF
SECRETARY

//SIGNED//
Deb Brim
DIRECTOR

March 2010



2nd Annual

Open House

9 am – 3 pm

June 5, 2010

Special In-Store Pricing
Register for Drawings

‘The Kong’

(DJ-Tom Compton)

Food

Sponsored By:

GWTA RiverBend Riders & KSHE

March 2010

Springfield was filled with outlaws and desperados during the Spring Break-out. But don't fear because the law was there to protect the local settlers and town folk. Those riding in for the weekend were treated to a delicious bowl of stew and the saloon was serving orange and root beer floats to quench the thirst of the weary travelers. There were game tables set up for those not afraid to try their luck at a little gambling.

Judy Shaefer and her state staff did a tremendous job of putting together a fun filled weekend with a Wild West theme. The decorations, food, drink, games, outfits and skit all played into the theme. Great job everyone. We welcomed a few new members and demonstrated the true meaning of Destination Friendship. We also missed seeing a few people who generally attend but couldn't for a variety of reasons. Hope to see the new faces and familiar faces all together next year.

Saturday's events concluded with a bidding war. Several chapters pooled their monies in an attempt to be the ones who got to shave Bill Brem's (the prospector's) beard and hair. Chapter H of the Quad City area won that honor. Chapter B was high bidder for the opportunity to shave Dennis "Porky" Dotson's beard. There was a lot of chanting and cheering as the hair was shaved and the familiar faces were revealed. The true winner in this event was H.I.S. K.I.D.S. The monies raised in the auction (over \$350) were donated to H.I.S. K.I.D.S. and will go towards sponsoring a child at camp this summer. So, a weekend of outlaw and desperados proved to be a weekend of food, friendship and fun. Grab your gear and plan to join us next year.



Bad Guy Tom Johnson behind bars



Barb Johnson as Annie Oakley



Phil as "Bartender"



and Ken as a real cowboy!

March 2010

Chapter "B" Spring Breakout—



Bill Brem and Dennis Dotson auctioned off their hair. They raised \$340 for HISKIDS



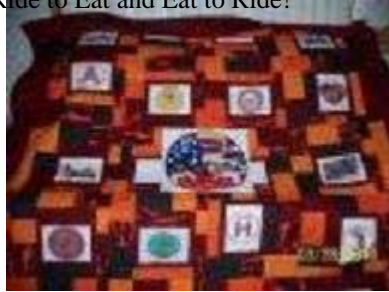
DESTINATION FRIENDSHIP

<http://www.gwtailb.org>

March 2010

Saturday, April 17th is the chapter's progressive dinner ride. We will start the day at 11:00 am with appetizers in Fairview Heights at the home of Nick and Stephanie Brem. From there the group will be led to the home of Tom and Barb Johnson in Bartelso for soup and salad. In an effort to build up some appetites for the next two courses of the progressive dinner and get in a little more riding, the group will take a detour to the Fort between Bartelso and Germantown. After spending some time viewing the Fort, historical buildings and Indian artifacts the group will ride to the main dish. The main will be served at the home of Kevin "Venus" Eversgerd and Jane Hampton just down the road from Tom and Barb's. From here we are heading west again to Cahokia for dessert at the home of Jim and Joanne Ulrich. Prepare to come hungry and leave each stop full. It will be a full day of Ride to Eat and Eat to Ride!

I am attaching a picture of a quilt.



This handmade quilt by Judy and Darrel Peters is being offered on auction to the highest bidder. The proceeds for this quilt will go to our National GWTA. Thanks so much Darrel and Judy for this beautiful quilt. If you have any questions you can contact your Region C Director or Barb Johnson at ridingcouple@frontiernet.net. Currently the auction is being held on Facebook. If you are not a Facebook user and have an interest in this quilt please contact Barb who will keep you informed of the latest bids and post bids for you. The high bid as of March 31 at 8:30 pm was \$115.

Thanks, Barb Johnson

Joanne Davis, wife of Ed Davis (Chairman of the Board), lost her battle with cancer on March 21, 2010. Ed and Joanne are from California. They are Life Founder members of GWTA and have been active at all levels throughout all 23 years of GWTA's history. Many of you may remember Joanne as the lady who ran the GWTA store at Gold Rush each year.

Please accept my apologies for a very delayed newsletter. Saturday, April 3, Joe Mandeville, a very close friend and neighbor of mine, lost his battle with cancer. Joe and I shared many joyous times together over the years. He was a friend to everyone, I'll miss you Joe!

March 2010

2nd Annual Spring Bike Rally

Sat., April 24, 2010

Starts at 10:00 a.m.

RPM Motorwerks

1720 South Belt West, Belleville, IL 62226

Food by Boy Scouts • Vendors

No alcohol • Colors without attitude welcome

Attendance award

Contact Terry Miller 618-530-8801 after 5:30 pm

or Chris Wells 618-239-9139

www.narrowroadriders.com

All bikers welcome!

2nd Annual

Spring Biker Rally

Shake off winter and kick off the season with your biking friends!

Hosted by Narrow Road Riders

March 2010

TRI FORD-MERCURY, INC.

12610 State Rt. 143 • Highland, IL 62249
Bus: 1-800-525-9419 • Res: (618) 566-8557
Fax: (618) 654-1845 • E-Mail: www.triford.com



JEFF SCHROEDER
Parts Manager



MUSTANG



718 Old Route 66 North
Litchfield, IL 62056



Store Hours
Mon - Fri 9 am - 6 pm
Sat 8 am - 4 pm



1-800-373-6565

www.niehauscycle.com info@niehauscycle.com

2100 N. Belt West
Belleville, IL 62226
Ph: 618-233-1318
Fax: 618-233-2035



Email: BELLEVILLEHONDA@aol.com



Bobby's
FROZEN
CUSTARD
AND LITE - 98% FAT FREE

Bob and Debbie
Kozyak

(618) 345-3002
RTE. 159 • MARYVILLE, IL 62062

Town Hall
SPORTS

*Custom Embroidery, Engraving, Corporate Clothing,
Team Uniforms, Trophies, Plaques & More*

5901 Cool Sports Road
Belleville, IL 62223

Diana Hoffarth

Phone: (618) 235-9881 Ext. 3
Fax: (618) 235-4614
Toll Free: (800) 270-6013



LOUIE HALWACHS

LOUIES SHOE REPAIR

EXPERT BOOT AND SHOE REPAIRING
SPECIALIZING

IN
HAND LASTED BOOTS

LOCATED IN LONDON SHOE SHOP

125 W. MAIN STREET, COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS 62234
PHONE (618) 345-9570

RED DEUCE Restaurant & Bar

1313 Lake Park Drive
German Town, IL 62245

618-523-8888

red-deuce.com

Irma's Cafe

Salad, Soup, & Sandwiches

Open : M-F 11-7:30; Sat 11-6

210 Hartman Ln, Ste 600
O'Fallon, IL 62269

618.624.1180

Order & nav online at www.irmascafe.com

DESTINATION FRIENDSHIP

<http://www.gwtailb.org>

March 2010

**GoldWing Touring Association
Illinois Chapter “B” Riverbend Riders**

Kevin A Harvey, Newsletter Editor
7116 Carr DR
Belleville, IL 62223

To:



DESTINATION FRIENDSHIP

<http://www.gwtailb.org>