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RIVERBEND RIDERS



Chapter Director's Article
Deb Brem

I hope all the Mom's had a memorable Mother's Day. Mine was a little different this year. Usually, Amy has us all over on Saturday for Mother's Day. This year she has her LPN license & is working at a Belleville nursing home. It was her weekend to work. They are also in the middle of buying a house in Prairie du Rocher. Nick & Stephanie left for South Carolina. They have been married for one year already. The parents each got a dog to take care of for the week. My parents are in LaCrosse, WI, at a Narve Convention (for retired railroad employees). My Dad, even though retired, is helping with legislation for the current Union Pacific employees. Bill & I did go out to lunch after church. Surprisingly, the restaurant was not as crowded as it usually is.

We had a guest speaker at our meeting. Marty Hall is promoting the "Ride for Kids" held in Cottleville, MO, on Sunday, Sept 19. All the money collected goes to the "Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation". If you cannot ride but would like to donate, go to rideforkids.org OR see me for a brochure. Marty is also an MSF instructor. We can utilize him in the future. He showed us a short video about the ride. Bill & I rode in this one year in Missouri & once during Honda Homecoming in Marysville, OH. It is a very organized ride with lots of volunteers. Marty took some of our Belleville Honda Open House flyers to distribute to his GWRRA chapter.

A BIG THANKS to Bobby's Frozen Custard for the ten \$5 gift cards that he donated to our chapter. The first winner of the gift card was Beth Landolt.

We have sold 323 bike raffle tickets thus far. Marty purchased \$5 worth. We sold \$20 worth in the 2 raffles. There was \$5 worth in the 50/50 drawing.

Don't forget the "Bike Nights" at the Lebanon Dairy Queen every 2nd Thursday starting at 6:00 p.m. from May through October.

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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.)

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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.

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Chapter Director Report Con't

HIS KIDS Camp this year is scheduled for July 17 to 23. Bill & I will be at Goldrush during that time. I am going to contact HIS KIDS to make the arrangements. I hope that y'all will attend during my absence. I will also contact the drag racers that normally attend. The final total on the HIS KIDS Helmet collection is \$1,356.02.

Anyone wanting Markel insurance quote sheets, please email me. GWTA would like all of us to fill out the no obligation quote sheets & send to Markel. They are advertised in Touring News.

Jim will be holding the June meeting as I will be in El Paso, TX, with my Mom for a National Bowling Tournament the following week. He may also be holding the July meeting because of Goldrush.

If you are attending the Region C Rally OR Goldrush & wish to participate in the Dirty Bingo, please bring wrapped gifts. They can be wrapped in newspaper OR in a brown bag. You can also wrap them fancier to make them more appealing.

Eugene is still in Florida with his son's family. Him & his son took a 4 day cruise on the "Monarch of the Seas".

Please remember to become a part of the Rider Education Program in GWTA.

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SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
DATE: May 8, 2010
LOCATION: TA Travel Center, Troy, IL

1. The meeting was called to order by Director Deb Brim at 7pm.
2. **Guests:** Guest Speaker, Martin (Marty) Hall, 'Ride for Kids-STL', Recruitment Coordinator
3. **Reports:**
Deb Brim - Director
 - I have sent out sponsor letters for the newsletter. 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. I have received NO responses to my letters as of yet.
 - Bobbies has donated \$5 gift cards (\$50 worth) that will be raffled off at our meetings.
 - His Kids Camp will be held 17-25 July 2010. Watch your email for updates.
 - Update on Jack & Patty Taylor. Please send cards to Jack & Patty Taylor. Heartland Health Care Center, 833 16th Ave, Moline, IL 61265
 - Anyone needing raffle tickets to sell for Gold Rush? Please see Deb for tickets. 196 ticket sales thus far. We sell 25 at each mtg. 2 - \$10 raffles & a \$5 50/50 drawing
 - If you have an event remember, the Ride Captain needs to get the attendance to JoAnne for ride tracking. Attendance sheets are available from Deb or Kevin. Or email Steve for one.
 - Lebanon Bike Nights every Thursday in May thru Oct.
 - \$340 was collected for HIS KIDS at Spring Breakout. There was \$1356.02 collected at the HIS KIDS Helmet Collection at Circle K intersection on Saturday, April 24.
 - Martin 'Marty' Hall, 'Ride for Kids-STL', Recruitment Coordinator gave a presentation about the September 2010 fund raiser for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The date has been set, rain or shine, 19 Sept 2010, 10am to 1pm, \$35 registration fee. The ride is 50 miles and completely police escorted. Watch the email for more updates on this worth while cause.
 - GWTA is asking for the membership to obtain a no obligation quote from Markel Insurance. Markel advertises in the GWTA magazine.

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- 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. Articles & pictures for the newsletter need to be sent to Kevin by the Saturday following the meeting night to get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Remember to send pictures to Wayne for our chapter website. Is everyone receiving a newsletter? Send pictures to Barb for our chapter scrapbook for Goldrush. 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.

Rider Education continuing the push on education this year – My goal this year is to have 100% participation in the rider Ed 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.

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.

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Jim Ulrich - Assistant Director

No Report

Marilyn Meskil - Treasurer

No Report

Steve Duff - Secretary

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May birthdays: 1-Bobby Zopp, 2-Isabel Lister, 8-Eugene Martinusen, 9-Kathy Lister, 20-Porky, 23-Ashley Fernandez, 25-Ralph Schempp, & 30-Antonio Fernandez.

May Anniversaries: 7-Porky & Jackie Dotson, 15-Steve & Cheryl Duff, & 27-Gary & Donna Sommer

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:

Saturday, May 15 - Niehaus Appreciation Days, Litchfield, IL.

Set up at 8:00 am with Bill Brem for setting of SWR on CB radio. Pass out flyers for Belleville Honda Open House.

Memorial weekend - Camping in Eureka Springs at Wanderlust campground. Attend the passion play nearby.

Saturday, June 5 - Belleville Honda Open House 9 to 3 pm. We will be selling burgers, hot dogs, soda, & chips. Please bring campers & cargo trailers to show & tell. Please help support this event as you did last year. Watch you email for further updates.

The friendship ride scheduled for June 5 has been changed to June 26.

June 10-13 is Region C Rally in Spearfish, South Dakota.

Saturday, June 12 - Safety meeting at Triad High School at 4:00 pm with Bill Brem. This is also meeting night.

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.

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General discussion about past events:
Progressive Dinner
HIS KIDS Helmet Collection

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.

Bill Brem - Safety Director

- Good turn out for the Skilled Riders Course today at Triad High School parking lot. Barb and Tom Johnson provided the instruction. The cost was \$25.00 to cover the cost of materials. Completion of this training continues your MSF certification. Certificates of completion will be issued. Thanks to all who participated.

Bike Safety Tips

Safety check your bike

Check brakes

Fluid levels

First aid kits

Fire Extinguishers (small ones sold at Walmart)

Tire Pressures

Replace the valve stems when changing tires.

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 / Dale and Beth Landolt

National - No updates.

Regional - Region C at Spearfish SD in June. Just around the corner.

5. State Matters

Friendship ride is 26 June to Clinton IL. Watch for emails.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business -

None

8. 50/50 Raffle Winners -

Marty Hall won the 50/50

Porky won Gold Rush Tickets

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10. Attendance Prizes

Steve - plant
Martin - plant
Beth - \$5 Bobbies Gift Cert

11. Announcements

None

Meeting Adjourned - Mary Ann made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and it was 2nd by Steve. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

//SIGNED//
STEVEN DUFF
SECRETARY

//SIGNED//
Deb Brim
DIRECTOR

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Niehaus Open House in the rain

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2nd Annual

Open House

9 am – 3 pm

June 5, 2010

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