

GWTA Chapter N *Newsletter*

Gold Wing Touring Association
KC Tour Riders, Kansas City, Missouri

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Chapter N, stand up and take a bow for participation. We had more than 90% of our members participate in the first annual bike show at Metro North Mall. Great Job!!!

It is the first of March, and spring is right around the corner. We've been very fortunate to have so many good days this winter that we've been able to ride in relative comfort. With warm weather coming soon, now is a good time to start thinking about getting your bike checked out and serviced for the summer. Mike Vick, a long-standing Gold Wing rider and excellent mechanic who lives in the Northland, can provide routine maintenance and complete tire repair. He also does a suspension tune-up that is worth the money. You might want to give him a call at (816) 587-6118. Any way you look at it, some routine service and some preventive maintenance go a long way when you're out on the road. As the old biker adage goes, "Chrome won't get you home."

As we move into spring, there will many opportunities for organized rides locally as

well as across the country in addition to the rides that Chapter N will plan. It is a good idea that we support other GWTA chapters in our region any time we can because we would want them to support us. It is also a good idea that we support the rides and functions of Chapter N. Mardee and I will try to make as many of the rides and functions as we can and hope to see you there. Just keep in mind that it is your choice. You can try to make them all or just a few. It's up to each individual. You can do it your way. That's what makes the GWTA a special organization.

Ride Safe, Dave & Mardee

SPECIAL THANKS

We recently received cash donations from some of our GWTA friends to assist us with the startup of Chapter N:

Missouri Chapter "B"	\$100
Missouri Chapter "L"	\$50
Missouri State Office	\$50

There are always unforeseen expenses in the startup of any new venture, and we truly appreciate their generosity. Thank you very much.

Dave King

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt condolences go to Mark and Annette Sitterson. Mark's father passed away in February in Conway, SC.

BIKE SHOW

The bike show held at the Metro North Shopping Mall on February 22 and 23 was a great success. We had 35 pieces of equipment, motorcycles of all kinds, trailers, and campers. People admired the bikes and had very nice comments. They enjoyed actually getting close to the bikes, and the kids had a great time. Dave King commended all of us for representing our club in very positive ways. Bob Anderson stated there was 95% participation from our members. We have one or two new members and others who are interested. It was suggested that the names of those interested be given to the members for follow-up calls. Metro North Mall will pay us \$500 for the show. Out of that, we had \$100 insurance costs. A big thank you also goes to Hardy Hunt for pulling sentry duty and spending Saturday and Sunday nights at the mall.

Pictures of the bike show can be viewed on the web site at www.kctourriders.com.

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to say thank you to all those who helped make the bike show a success. Many thanks go to those who braved the snow in an effort to get the bikes out of the mall on Sunday. I know that our hard work will pay off for the chapter both financially and with new members as well. Again thank you all for your dedication and hard work.

Phillip Rittermeyer

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WINTER CARNIVAL

Saturday morning early, February 15, Bill and Julie Johnson along with Jim and Peggy Welch left for Topeka for the GWTA Kansas winter carnival. Arriving at Topeka, we started seeing old acquaintances and some from two days prior. Milton and Ruth White, Gerry and Kay Shively, Dave and Mardee King, and Bill and Julie made up Chapter N from Missouri. Jim and Peggy, Ken and Barb Tompkins, Dave and Pat Reeve, and Jim and Karen Mangan represented Chapter B from Missouri. They had an auction at 10:30, and each club could bring ten items to be sold. The auctioneer was also an entertainer because he had the place rocking with laughter. Our club made \$162 from our items. At 1:30, the games started. I'm not even going in to the games, but there was a bunch, and they were fun. The banquet started at 5:30, with a knockout meal and dessert. After dinner, they gave the awards for the games. Chapter B pretty well cleaned up on the games. Everyone but Pat won something, and most of them won two prizes. After that, the '50's sock hop started, with many dressed 50's style. What memories. I really believe everyone there had a fun time. If they didn't, they better sell the motorcycle and buy a recliner chair because they're done for. Thanks to all the Kansas chapters for their hard work. Hopefully everyone who didn't get to go this year will try harder next year to make it.

Bill & Julie Johnson

FEBRUARY BIKE RIDE

It's not often that you can ride in February in this part of the country, so when one of those days comes along, you try to take advantage of it, and that is just what we did. The weather report for Saturday, February 1, called for sunshine and mild temperatures, so we got out an e-mail and put together a ride.

We set the new Honda North store as the meeting place, and by 10:30 a.m. there were 18 people and 13 bikes ready to go. Milton White and Dave King put together a route that would get us to McLouth, Kansas, for lunch, and off we went. We immediately figured out that Honda North is not a good starting place if you are going north, south, east, or west. We rode up through the parking lots, in front of the theaters, and out to Roanridge Road, south to North 72nd Street. At that point, we were on our way. We rode some back streets to get to 45 Highway and headed for Leavenworth, Kansas. You know, 45 Highway looks different in the winter. It was kind of like riding on a road you hadn't been on before. From Leavenworth, we went north on US 73 with plans to intersect with some county roads that Milton and Dave had found in Milton's new Kansas Gazetteer. However, we never found that intersection, and at that point the mid-winter ride turned into a mid-winter adventure. That means you get to ride on several roads that you have never ridden before. It started to get real close to lunch time, and between all of us we weren't sure just how far it was to McLouth, so we did the next best thing: we stopped in Oskaloosa and had a pretty good lunch. At least nobody went away hungry. After lunch, filled up and fueled up, we headed out, and the first town we went through 6 miles down the road (you guessed it) was McLouth, Kansas. Well, now we know for sure where it is, and the restaurant to where we were headed is still there, serving delicious food. We'll save it for another day. The cruise back to the Northland was grand. There is nothing like a mid-winter ride. We'll take all we can get.

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Note: This was Tony and Susan (Mickey) White's first group ride. They had a really good time, but Mickey kept taking her helmet off. Wonder what that was all about?

Dave King

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"My friend is the one who brings out the best in me."

Henry Ford

DID YOU REALIZE?

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather."

John Ruskin

FIRST AID TRAINING

Our chapter will be hosting a First Aid and CPR training session on Saturday March 8. This event will be held at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in the fellowship hall. The church is located at 5409 NW 72nd Street, 2 blocks east of the I-29 and 72nd Street exit. The cost will be \$50 per person for first-time participants or \$40 for recertification.

The doors will open at 8:00 AM for coffee and registration. The class will begin at 8:30 AM

and will end between 2:30 and 3:00 PM. The class size is limited to 20 participants and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We need more people to sign up so that we do not have to take money out of the treasury. If you have any questions, call Gerry at (816) 858-4385 or email him at kgshvly@earthlink.net.

SAFETY SEMINAR

The safety seminar will be March 29 at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in the fellowship hall from from 8:00 to 1:30. The church is located at 5409 NW 72nd Street, off of I-29. This is an event that everyone should attend. This course is also part of the GWTA Riders Course program. Gerry Shively, the GWTA state safety director and a member of Chapter N, will be leading this seminar. There is no fee for attending this event. It should be noted that those interested in the GWTA Riders Course must have current CPR and First Aid certification. After the seminar, we will ride to lunch.

BIKE BLESSING

The First Assembly of God in Excelsior Springs will be having their third annual bike blessing on Sunday, April 27, starting at 4:30 p.m. I will have more information as the date draws near.

Phillip Rittermeyer

NIEHAUS DAYS

This year's annual Niehaus Appreciation Days are scheduled for May 17 and 18. For those of you who have never attended Niehaus Days, this is a great way to check out vendors as well as Niehaus Cycle Sales. You can visit Niehaus Cycle Sales online at <http://www.niehauscycle.com>.

Milton and Ruth White have a block of rooms reserved for Friday night, May 16, in Jacksonville, IL, and Saturday night, May 17, in Litchfield, IL. They will be leading a group that will be leaving Liberty Friday afternoon and riding over to Jacksonville. All of the rooms are booked at Comfort Inns and vary in price from \$65.00 per night plus tax to \$78.26 plus tax. If you are interested in booking rooms for this trip, please call Ruth White at (816) 679-8771. We will be returning to Kansas City on Sunday.

Vern and Chris Mackey will be heading up the camping accommodations for all of those who desire to camp. More details about camping to follow.

Niehaus is a fun weekend and a great way to get some new chrome for your bikes.

ERC TRAINING

Gerry Shively will be leading ERC training, which is scheduled for June 14 and 15 in Warrensburg. One-up training will be held on Saturday with a two-up training session on Sunday. More details will follow regarding times and cost. For those who camp, we will stay the Knob Noster campground.

FRIENDSHIP TOUR

The Friendship Tour is self-guided and a great way to see our beautiful state. Chapter N will be having weekend camp outs and day trips to many of these locations throughout the year. An e-mail entry form for the Missouri Friendship Tour for 2003 can be found on the web site at www.kctourriders.com.

WEEKEND BIKE TRIPS

Our weekend bike trips are being scheduled for the second weekend of each month. We

need volunteers to plan and lead these rides. If you would like to participate in planning a day trip or a weekend adventure, please contact Gerry Shively at (816) 858-4385 or e-mail him at kgshvly@earthlink.net.

ROCKER SETS

Please contact Dave or Mardee King if you would like to purchase a Chapter N rocker set. The cost is \$20 per set. Rockers are the patches that encircle the big GWTA patch. Our rockers would have "KC Tour Riders" and "Missouri N". If a number of these could be ordered at one time, we would save on shipping costs. An e-mail will be sent out about this matter.

FOUNDERS PATCHES

At the February meeting, Dave King and Gerry Shively suggested that the chapter pay for the founders patches, which are \$2 each. There are 43 founding members in our chapter. Glen Anderson moved that the chapter pay for the patches for each member on the founders list for a total of \$86. Mardee King seconded this, and the motion carried. These patches will be ordered as soon as possible. Dave will also present certificates to founding members at the March meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

On February 22, one of our youngest members, Ben Shively, age 8, competed in a multi-state karate tournament in Overland Park, Kansas. He competed against nine other kids his age in two categories. In the first category, forms, Ben took first place. In the second category, sparring, he took third place.

Ben has been actively involved in karate for 17 months, and this is only his third tournament. Ben is planning to attend

another multi-state tournament in Columbia, Missouri, this spring. Ben is currently a purple belt, a member of the black belt club, and will test soon for his brown belt.

Ben's parents, brother, and grandparents are all very proud of him as is all of his family. We wish Ben the best of luck in Columbia.

J.R. Shively



At the February meeting, Dave King recognized Ben presented him with the First Place and Third Place trophies he had recently won. Ben also received a certificate from Chapter N for his achievements. Ben, we are so proud of you!

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING

We also have two families in our chapter that are celebrating weddings this month. Jim and Sue Pollitt's daughter Christina is getting married on March 22, and Milton and Ruth White's son Bob will be wed on March 14.

OUR GUESTS

Our guests for the month of February were Mike Moore, a friend of J.R. Shively, and Dave Shook.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members:

Charles Bruns (10/16)
9805 North Wayne
Kansas City, MO 64115
(816) 734-4836
cbtw@kc.rr.com

Thomas (05/20) and Karen (04/08) Lenz
(Anniversary 08/17)
11416 NE 131st Street
Liberty, MO 64068
(816) 792-0114

BIRTHDAYS

March 3	Vern Mackey
March 4	Julie Johnson
March 6	Jim Pollitt
March 9	Hollie Rittermeyer
March 16	Mark Sitterson
March 23	Austin Shively

THURSDAY DINNERS

March 6

Fiesta Guadalajara (816) 413-8833
311 NE Englewood Road, Kansas City
Cash and credit cards
Arrive 6:30 p.m.

March 13

Hardware Café (816) 792-3500
5 East Kansas, Liberty
Cash, checks, and credit cards
Arrive 6:30 p.m.

March 20

China One (816) 455-2207
5150 North Oak, Kansas City
Cash and credit cards
Arrive 6:30 p.m.

March 27

Monthly Meeting at the Old Country Buffet

Our monthly meetings for 2003 will be held at the Old Country Buffet on Barry Road the fourth Thursday of each month. We meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

FOR SALE

2000 Honda GL1500CF Valkyrie Interstate. 6-cylinder, 4-stroke, 1500 cc, AM/FM radio, CB, clock, trip meters. Some chrome pieces added. 8400 miles. Two-tone paint, blue and silver. Average retail price \$11,995. Sale price \$10,995. Contact Dave Wittman, mobile (816) 304-7708.

1998 Harley Davidson Road King Classic 95th Anniversary edition. Excellent condition. Too many extras to list. See to appreciate. \$16,900. Call Smitty (816) 454-6386, cell phone (816) 916-8873.

Still in the box: White Nolan helmet (see picture). Asking \$30. Size small. Multi-position shield operates with or without visor attached. Hi-brite painted shell. Forehead vents, top vent on Trend only. Double D-ring retention system. DOT approved. Contact Greg or Carol Hillman at (816) 781-6640.



MEMBERS LIST

We need to keep our records current. Any changes in address, e-mail address, phone numbers, etc., should be sent to Milton and Ruth White at (816) 679-8771 or tnkids@kc.rr.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Spotlight on Our Members: Bob and Glen Anderson

We are Bob and Glen Anderson. Bob is from Iowa, and I am from New Mexico. We met while we both worked for the same airline, Trans Texas in Houston, Texas, and within a year, we were married. That was 36 years ago. Since that time, we have moved around quite a bit, mostly in the Southwest. Our two daughters, Audra and Tanya, were born in San Angelo, Texas.

We moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, when Tanya was three weeks old and lived there about four years. During that time, I stayed home with the kids while Bob continued working for the airline. During this time, Bob bought his first motorcycle, a Honda 360, that he rode to work most of the time. I rode the bike maybe twice and hated it. Then Bob found that he could be promoted to supervisor if we moved to Kansas City. I wasn't happy about the move, but as it turned out, it was best thing that happened.

Since the girls were starting school, we decided that this would be the last move if possible. We have lived here 24 years, and our girls have grown up and are now married. Audra and Brian live in Gladstone, so we get to see them quite often. Tanya and David live in Reseda, California, and have a daughter, Sierra, who is our definite pride and joy. They are also expecting another child in August. We are very excited about this. Unfortunately we don't get to see them as often as we would like.

Bob retired from Continental Airlines after 28 years and went to work for the film industry for about seven years. He has now fully retired, but I still work for KCPL. I hope

to retire in a year after 20 years. We are both active in our church, and I direct our handbell choir. I plan to retire from that next year after 15 years.

We bought our first Gold Wing, a black 1977, from a friend (?) who will remain nameless. (He was in the dog house for quite a while.) Since my experience with motorcycles wasn't all that great, I wasn't too happy about this purchase. However, after riding with our friends and then joining Chapter B in 1997, we found that we now had something that both of us together could enjoy. A year later, we bought our purple 1995 Gold Wing, and it has been great times since then. We both have found great friends, memories, and lots of fun since we joined GWTA. We have traveled and seen more on the Gold Wing than at any other time.



We look forward to future rides and trips on our Gold Wing with the people who we have come to greatly admire and consider our good and dear friends. Bob and I are especially looking forward to my retirement so that we can do a lot more riding around this beautiful country of ours.

Bob & Glen Anderson

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THANKS, GUYS!

At the February meeting, Dave King and the members thanked Milton and Ruth White for the Chapter N brochures. Milton and Ruth have done a great job on these brochures. Dave also thanked Bob Anderson for getting our name badges for us.

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to Chapter N to help the club financially, please give your money or checks to our treasurer, Hollie Rittermeyer.

CHAPTER N WEB SITE

The Chapter N web site is up and running. You can access our web site by clicking on www.kctourriders.com. For those of you who are on dial-up connections, the pictures may download a little slow but be patient. This will be an ever-changing web site so bookmark it and refer to it often.

Milton White

ARTICLES

We look forward to hearing your stories about bike trips and any other news that you'd like to share. To include your articles and pictures in the newsletter, please send them via e-mail to Sondra Teer at theteers@planetkc.com. The deadline for articles is the first Monday of each month.

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A mother had been teaching her 3-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. The 3 year old would repeat after her mother the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. Her mother listened with pride as her daughter carefully enunciated each word, right up to

the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen."

ADVERTISEMENTS

Since the newsletter will be primarily electronically distributed, our chapter has not pushed for advertisers. However if someone would like to place an ad, the cost is \$5 per month for a 3.25-inch x 2-inch ad (business card size).

EXCESS BAGGAGE

Recipe: Easy Corn Casserole

Here's a great recipe from my aunt, Helen Shipp of Nacogdoches, Texas, that is very tasty and easy to make as well.

Sondra Teer

- 1 can cream style corn with liquid
- 1 can whole kernel corn with liquid
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 2-ounce jar pimento, diced
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup margarine, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Mix together and refrigerate overnight. Add 21 crushed saltine crackers. Pour in a greased 9x13 casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until bubbly.

Please share your favorite recipes and news and events with club members. To include them in the newsletter, please e-mail them to Sondra Teer at theteers@planetkc.com. We'd especially like recipes that can be prepared at the campsite if you have them.

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A businessman's wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Scrapping Gals

Both Suzy Shively and Sondra Teer braved the cold night air February 6 to attend a stamping class offered through Park Hill Community Education. This class covers heat embossing, dry embossing, water color, and two-step stamping.

On February 8, Carolina Hillman and Sondra Teer completed the Scrapbook Design University offered by Scrapbookers Dream. This course is designed to build better scrapbooking skills.

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"A true friend is the best possession."

Benjamin Franklin

OUR DESTINATION: FRIENDSHIP

The Miracle of Friendship

There's a miracle called friendship
that dwells within the heart,
And you don't know how it happens
or how it gets its start.

But the happiness it brings you
always gives a special lift,
And you realize that friendship
is one of God's most precious gifts.

