

CHAPTER "N" CHRONICLES



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A message from the Directors

Winter is slowly fading away and the riding season is approaching. Our chapter has enjoyed Thursday evening meals together and good fellowship throughout the cold winter months. We have had our second annual bike show at Metro North Mall and are already looking forward to next year. Many thanks to Dave & Mardee King for all their efforts in pulling it together and making it a success. We represented GWTA, its motto of "Destination Friendship", and the motorcycling community in a very fine fashion. We stand to gain several new chapter members from the weekend, and each and everyone who participated should be proud of your efforts.

Our 2004 Calendar that was reviewed at our February meeting promises to keep us as busy as we want to be during the year. Even though the calendar seems to have a lot on it, there are still many weekends open. If you have an idea and want to ride on any open dates, get the information to Dave and Mardee to be e-mailed to all members. We feel sure you will have company, as that is why we exist, for the friendship and doing what we enjoy.

On a more serious note, as the weather is more conducive to riding, remember the motoring public has not seen many bikes during the winter. Be aware of your surroundings and traffic that may do something stupid. The most common excuse by motorists involved in an accident with a cycle is "I didn't see the motorcycle". Be alert to the fact that every vehicle out there is a potential hazard to us, as it could very well be. Also, winter has been very hard on our roads, which were not in great condition to begin with, and there are potholes that can take you down in a heartbeat. Be cautious and alert to road conditions, and lets have a great and safe 2004. One last note, remember it takes several weeks of riding to sharpen yourself to the skills you had at the end of last years season. We look forward to sharing many miles together in friendship and safety.

Gerry & Kay Shively
Co Chapter Directors

Safety Seminar

Saturday the 20th, we will hold our annual Safety Seminar at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5409 N.W. 72nd Street, Kansas City, MO at 8:00am. Gerry Shively, MO State Rider Education Director will lead the seminar. We will have coffee and donuts from 8:00 am, and the seminar will start at 8:30 am. Seminar will include rider and co-rider segments that are particularly helpful as the riding season begins. They will also qualify anyone interested in the GWTA Rider Education Program to enroll and start you on the way to Level IV. If weather is accommodating, we will ride to lunch after seminar is concluded. Look forward to seeing everyone on the 20th. If there are any questions, please call Gerry Shively at 816-858-4385, or e-mail to kgshvly@earthlink.net

CPR and First Aid Training

Chapter N will again sponsor a CPR & First Aid course. It will be held Saturday March 27th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in the social hall (same place we had our Christmas Party). Time is 9:00 am and may last until 4:00 pm. Come at 8:30 for coffee and donuts. Todd Coleman of Safety Training Solutions will be the instructor. Todd is a firefighter and paramedic with a unique presentation from his experiences that holds student attention and interest. The cost is \$40.00 for renewal and \$50.00 for first time participants. I strongly urge anyone that has not had this training to enroll in this course.

This is Friday the 5th of March and I received a phone call at my office from a customer that I was in the negotiation process for a new trailer. This is his story! Sometime during the night of the 4th his wife who has a history of heart problems was experiencing distress. Bill went to get her a nitro pill, and while in the kitchen heard noise in the bathroom and found her on the floor, unconscious, with no pulse. He gave Annie CPR, established a heartbeat, and called his daughter, a nurse. She called 911, had an ambulance dispatched, they life flighted her to a KC hospital and she will probably be released on the 15th. Annie had 100% blockage in a heart artery, which has been repaired. By the way, Bill is 68 years old and is CPR and First Aid trained. We never know when we may be called on to possibly save a life.

We need to know from each of you that desires CPR and First Aid if you are going to attend. Please call Gerry & Kay Shively at 816-858-4385 or Ken & Patty Babcock at 816-436-6194 by Saturday March 13th if you are planning to attend. Minimum charge for Safety Training Solutions is \$500.00 so we need at least 13 people to participate at \$40.00 if all were renewals to cover the minimum or we will need to cancel the class. Please invite and sign up your friends that need CPR & first Aid. All checks or cash will be given to the provider, as this is not a fundraising event for Chapter N. It is strictly a community project.

These are excellent training courses and are well worth the time and the expense. Please give it every consideration. Accidents and emergencies happen all around us everyday and it is a good feeling to know that you are able to respond to someone's need

2004 Bike Show Metro North Mall Show

Our 2nd annual Bike Show fund-raiser was held Saturday and Sunday, February 28 & 29. We had 36 bikes and 6 trailers and campers. The oldest bike was the 1971 Suzuki 250 owned by Kent and Jolene Hott and the newest ones were the 5 2004 models that were entered in the show by St Joe Honda. We want to thank Rob Eidmann and his guys for the display.

We all want to thank Hardy And Sabrina for the overnight security. They set up their camper and spent the night. That's what you call going the extra mile.

Since Hardy and Sabrina are newlyweds someone immediately dubbed their camper the "Honeymoon Suite". You can see a picture on the Chapter N website. www.kctourriders.com.

As Gerry said in his opening remarks, we represented ourselves very well. We will recruit 3 or 4 new members and we had the opportunity to spend some real quality time with each other. Everyone is looking forward to the next show.

Just a word of thanks to Arnie Mowry, Charlie Bruns and Ken Babcock for all the extra time you spent at the show. These three guys provided a wealth of technical tips to chapter members and also the people that stopped to look at our bikes and talk for awhile.

If you didn't make it to the Mall you can see some of the action on the website.

Glen Anderson on a new Honda Ruckus



What a Party!

To celebrate their recent wedding Hardy and Sabrina held a reception at the VFW on Saturday evening, March 6th. All of the refreshments were excellent and the cake and ice cream was great.

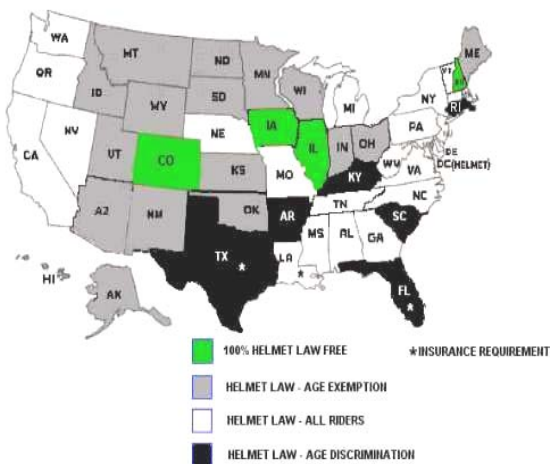
Music was provided by Jim Pollitt for everyone's listening and dancing enjoyment. If you haven't heard Jim play and sing, you have missed out.

It was a full house as all of Hardy and Sabrina's friends came together to celebrate and wish them well as they start their lives together.

Helmet Laws

During a conversation after a recent dinner ride the subject of helmets and helmet laws was brought up and discussed and one of our members thought it might be helpful to have some current information regarding helmet laws nationwide.

HELMET LAW STATUTES BY STATE



Editorial

The GWTA does not have a rule that it's members wear a helmet. As they should, they have left that choice up to each one of us. I was recently reading a letter to the editor in a motorcycle magazine. In that letter C.L. Thomas of Cleveland, Texas is troubled by "the view that the suggestion that

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safety gear of any kind should be up to the rider." "Accidents and injuries rarely if ever affect only the driver or the rider. Co-workers, family, and friends all suffer when a serious injury occurs and many times the suffering continues for years as families adjust to accommodate the injured's needs. Those who center their attention on a loss of their personal freedom disregard the impact of their 'Choice' on the freedom of others. Will the use of safety gear guarantee no injuries? — Hardly. There are accidents from which nothing will save the rider from injury or death. Will safety gear improve the odds and lessen the injuries? Hell yes! The self-centered "My Choice" cry of the self-absorbed is irresponsibility at its worst. Good gear, defensive driving, no alcohol use all contribute to but do not guarantee a safe ride." Mr. Thomas has spent more than 30 years as a transportation safety specialist and is an expert in accident investigation and reconstruction. During his years in the field he has seen many, many deaths and injuries that could have been prevented or lessened by the use of safety equipment. However none of this seems to impress those who continue to demand the choice. Maybe the real choice is to be smart or to be stupid. Maybe we should let the widow, or the one pushing the wheel chair, or the parentless child make the choice.

I hope that you will make the choice to take advantage of all the safety gear that is available to you. Mr. Thomas' letter may be read in full in the April 2004 issue of Wing World.

Dave King, newsletter editor

No Winners

There was not a winner in the guess the picture contest in the February Newsletter. I'm not sure if anyone even got close. The building is located in the west bottoms and can be seen best from the 12th street viaduct. The weird creatures in the picture are gargoyles

Up-Coming Events

Dinner Rides

- March 4th Pirates Cove
 Platte City, Mo
 7:00 pm
- March 11th Corner Café
 Riverside, Mo
 7:00 pm
- March 18th To be Announced
 Check you email
 Check the website
- March 25th Monthly Meeting
 KCPL Service Center
 No Dinner—Coffee & Cookies

Birthdays

- March 2nd Nancy Graham
March 3rd Vern Mackey
March 6th Jim Pollitt
March 9th Hollie Rittermeyer
March 16th Mark Sitterson
March 22nd Charles Wynn
March 23rd Austin Shively

Happy Birthday!

Training

- March 20th Safety Seminar 8:00 am
 Gloria Dei Church
- March 27th CPR & First Aid
 Gloria Dei Church

For Sale !!

Camper

1994 Kwik Kamp
Excellent condition, Swivel Hitch
Pinstriped, Blue Cover, Cooler Mounted on Tongue
New Tires, New Spare Tire
Extra Cover (Brown), Extra Axle
\$2,000.00 Firm
Will Consider Trade for Cargo Trailer
Call Vern Mackey 816-454-6220

Men's Chaps

Size 3X New Condition
\$60.00 Call Dave King
(these belong to mark Sitterson)

1989 Kawasaki Voyager 1200
Beige and Gold, Mechanically Excellent,
New Tires and Battery
\$4500.00 Call Dave King 816-454-5618

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