

# **GWTA** Chapter N *Newsletter*

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## May 2003

### ***A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS***

It is hard to believe that Chapter N is already six months old. We were looking at some of the pictures that we took at that first exploratory meeting, and it is exciting to see how we've grown and the progress we've made. We started with 27 members, and now we're up to 54, and there are about a dozen others that will probably join us as members before the summer is out. We received some financial assistance from our friends at Chapter B and Chapter L as well as the Missouri State Office, but most of our bank account we did ourselves. To all of you who made a cash donation to help us get started, one more hearty Thank You.

Our chapter communications are most likely the best in the whole GWTA. Instant information by e-mail, state-of-the-art interactive website, electronic newsletter, and personalized chapter recruiting materials all go together to keep everyone up to date and well-informed, and it all makes us look really good.

We also have developed an attitude within

our membership of "What can I do to help?" rather than "Who can we get to do this?," and at the same time we are able to let everyone keep their level of involvement to a degree with which they are comfortable.

We have provided a Certified First Aid and CPR training class and the GWTA safety training class that were well-attended. Through process of elimination, we have selected a chapter logo and chapter shirts that will arrive any day. We are also looking forward to sponsoring our first ERC instruction that will be conducted by our own Gerry Shively.

That is a tremendous amount of work and activity in six months. We are sure that anyone will agree that together we have built a strong foundation for Chapter N that will allow us to grow and prosper in the coming years.

In Friendship, Dave & Mardee

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True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.

Charles Caleb Colton

## **KANSAS CHAPTER B POKER RUN & BIKE BLESSING**

Sunday, April 27, we woke early as we had a full day ahead of us. The weather could not have been more perfect for motorcyclists. We left the house at 8:20 a.m. to meet up with whoever showed up at Hunt's Goodyear for a 9:00 a.m. departure to Blue Springs and the Kansas Chapter B Poker Run from Dell's Honda. Six bikes from Chapter N were there. Julie and I have been doing poker runs since 1982, so we have seen, met, and made friends with a lot of people, and it was good to see some people we hadn't seen in a while. They had mapped out a good ride for us of just over a hundred miles. We grouped up with some of our Missouri Chapter B members; it reminded me of when we all used to ride together and hit the road, having a good time. The ride took us out to Bates City, Henrietta, Excelsior Springs, Missouri City, and Sugar Creek and back to Dell's. Some of us picked up some nice door prizes but were a little short on a poker hand. From there, about ten bikes headed up to Excelsior Springs to the Assembly of God Church Bike Blessing, which was to start at 4:30 p.m. There we met up with I believe 12 more bikes from our chapter. Missouri Chapter B people were there, about 20 strong. This was our third year for this blessing, and it was the most different and moving blessing we have been to. Just before the blessing, the minister asked that everyone who rode a motorcycle get on it and ride them up and circle around the altar. He then asked everyone who didn't ride to come and stand with their hands on the bikes and the people that rode them for the blessing. What an unusual experience. After that, we cranked up and went back and parked. Then it was time to chow down on some delicious food. MANY, MANY thanks from Julie and me to

Phillip and Holly, their minister, their church, and the many other people that made this event a most beautiful Sunday--good weather, good riding, good music, good food, GOOD FRIENDS, and the blessings we received, on Sunday, April 27, 2003.

Bill & Julie Johnson

### **BIKE BLESSING**

We want to extend a special thanks to Phillip and Hollie Rittermeyer for doing a superb job with the Bike Blessing, which was held on Sunday, April 27. This year's event was special and a memorable experience as the pastor had all the bikers make an altar with their bikes. With the congregation members gathered around the bikes, the pastor prayed a powerful prayer of dedication and safety. It was a great time of fun, fellowship, friends, food, and even door prizes. But most important of all was each person taking the time from their busy lives to honor the Lord and place themselves into His hands. Thank you First Assembly of God in Excelsior Springs for making this a special event.

Ruth and Milton White

### **SECOND SATURDAY RIDE**

**May 10**

At the April meeting, Dave King mentioned that the chapter's Saturday ride is scheduled for May 10. J.R. Shively brought up for discussion a poker ride for a Clay County deputy who has cancer. The "Ride for Mike" begins at the VFW Hall in Kearney and will stop at motorcycle shops in Smithville, Independence, etc. There will be prizes for the best poker hand and other prizes also. It was decided by all members that this would be our club ride. We will meet at Hunt's (Goodyear) Car Care Center located at 94<sup>th</sup> and North Oak, just north of Highway 152,

around 8:30 a.m. and leave from there at 9:00.

## ***POKER RUN (BIKE FOR MIKE)***

Mike Gordon is a Clay County, MO Deputy Sheriff who was diagnosed with skin cancer a few months ago. And now in addition, he just had a volleyball-sized tumor removed from his stomach.

We'll meet at Hunt's Car Care Center. The ride will start and end at the Kearney, MO VFW Hall.

Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The cost will be \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per couple.

The game will consist of a 5 poker hand, and all stops will be made at motorcycle shops in the KC metro area.

Lunch/dinner of burgers, dogs, chips, and pop will be provided after the ride with a donation can with proceeds to go to Mike and his family.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me as I am out of town this week, and I will see you on Saturday morning.

J.R. Shively

## ***MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION***

### ***Experienced Rider Courses Update***

Remember the one-up and two-up ERC courses in Warrensburg on June 14 and 15. As of this writing, we have six signed up for one up and three for the two up. I have invited Chapter B members who are interested to participate.

Neil Meyer, our State Coordinator for the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program, said he has names of interested parties that he could help fill the classes with. I will ask for those names on May 5 and hope to fill the classes promptly.

We do need to have payment to hold your registration. Please make checks payable to KC Tour Riders and mail to Hollie Rittermeyer as quickly as possible to guarantee your reservation.

It has been brought to my attention by Charlie Bruns that there is an air show at Whiteman Air Force Base that weekend and that Whiteman Inn is booked solid. Warrensburg has bed & breakfast sites as well as motels for those who prefer lodging rather than camping. Go to [www.warrensburg.org](http://www.warrensburg.org) and link to accommodations for phone numbers to make reservations.

Kay and I plan on leaving Friday, June 13, around lunchtime for Knob Noster State Park to camp. They have let us set up two or three tents or campers per site in the past. Anyone wanting to travel with us is welcome, or let us know if you want us to hold campsites.

In Friendship, Gerry Shively

## ***MILEAGE***

Bob Anderson asked at the April meeting for those who have not done so to please give him their mileage. At the end of the year, this will be turned into the GWTA, which could help with insurance for so many miles ridden with no accidents.

## ***NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED***

We are being transferred to Wyoming, and a

newsletter editor will be needed by June 15 to put together the July and subsequent newsletters. Please contact either Dave King at [dking8@kc.rr.com](mailto:dking8@kc.rr.com) or me at [theteers@planetkc.com](mailto:theteers@planetkc.com) if you're interested in this task.

Sondra Teer

## **FRIENDSHIP TOUR**

The Missouri Friendship Tour 2003 is a self-guided tour around the state which you can take at your leisure between January 1 and November 15 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. Information as well as an entry form for the Missouri Friendship Tour 2003 can be found on the web site at [www.kctourriders.com](http://www.kctourriders.com).

## **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.

## **BROCHURES**

Chapter N informational brochures are available for all of those who desire to have them to pass out and share with those people who show an interest in our organization. You can pick up your brochures from Milton and Ruth White.

## **POKER RUN FOR FUN AND BASH FOR CASH**

This message came in from Dave Reeve of Chapter B to forward it to our chapter:

Where: Sign in at 211 S.E. Johnson, Lee's Summit, MO (right behind Sonic on Third Street). \$10 registration.

When: Saturday, June 7, 2003. Registration begins @ 9:00 a.m.

Why: A charity benefit for special needs kids! 100% of the proceeds go to Giant Step Special Needs Child Development Center. Pledge forms are available.

What: 60-mile ride with poker cards at each stop. High poker hand splits the pot 50/50 with the charity. After ride, BBQ and bash will take place at sign in location. Live music, food, and raffle prizes.

All motorcycles welcome. Awards for various categories, including most pledges raised, largest group to ride, and club support. Come meet the kids!

For more information, call (816) 524-1234 and ask for Mickey or call (816) 520-6657 and ask for Jennifer. Learn more about us on the web at [www.giant-step.org](http://www.giant-step.org).

## **GWTA RALLIES REGION E**

Colorado Fifth Ever State Rally will be held June 5-7 in Craig, Colorado. Holiday Inn is the host motel, \$69 room rates. Camping available at the KOA. \$35 registration fee includes rally pin, Friday breakfast buffet, Saturday dinner buffet, bike show, poker runs, rides, parade, and entertainment. Drawing for GWTA jacket, 50/50 drawings, vendors. For more information, contact [dandorlynda@aol.com](mailto:dandorlynda@aol.com) or [bucknbettycolo@msn.com](mailto:bucknbettycolo@msn.com).

Ride for Kids to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation will take place in St. Louis on September 21 and at other points around Region E on April 27, October 12, and October 19. Contact Allan Hughes at (800) 253-6530 or view [www.ride4kids.org](http://www.ride4kids.org) for more information.

Sixth Annual Colorama at the KOA sponsored by the Lake County Riders of Springfield, MO, will be held October 10-12 in Forsyth, MO. Friday night dinner ride, Saturday observation rides and supper. Pre-registration is mandatory by October 1. For more details, contact Joe Watters at [JWWH20@aol.com](mailto:JWWH20@aol.com) or call (417) 849-9537.

## **OUR GUESTS**

Don Gilleland was our guest at the April meeting.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to our new members:

Leo (10/23) and Karen (06/12) Carlson  
(Anniversary 02/06)  
15685 Meadow Court  
Platte City, MO 64079  
(816) 858-2201  
[kcinmo@aol.com](mailto:kcinmo@aol.com)

Bob (09/15) and Linda (05/31) Clarkson  
(Anniversary 05/16)  
7107 N. Troost  
Gladstone, MO 64118  
(816) 436-8890  
[lclarks@toto.net](mailto:lclarks@toto.net)

Arnie (08/24) and Ingrid (03/06) Mowrey  
122 Broken Bridge Lane  
Platte City, MO 64079  
(816) 858-5653  
[amowrey@kc.rr.com](mailto:amowrey@kc.rr.com)

## **BIRTHDAYS**

May 3 Bob Anderson  
May 15 Mardee King  
May 20 Thomas Lenz  
May 31 Linda Clarkson

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

May 5 Greg and Carolina Hillman  
May 16 Bob and Linda Clarkson  
May 27 Bill and Julie Johnson

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## **THURSDAY DINNERS**

We meet at Hunt's (Goodyear) Car Care Center located at 94<sup>th</sup> and North Oak, just north of Highway 152. We will leave promptly at 6:30 p.m. and ride for approximate 45 minutes to an hour before having dinner. Please fill up your gas tanks before we start on the ride.

This month's dinner ride schedule is:

May 1  
Harmer's Café

Edgerton, MO  
Cash, Checks, & Credit Cards

### May 8

Lowman's  
Smithville, MO  
Cash & Credit Cards Only

### May 15

210 Grill (Across from AmeriStar Casino)  
Kansas City, MO  
Cash & Credit Cards Only

### May 22

Monthly Meeting at the Old Country Buffet

### May 29

Dinner in the Park

In case of rain, we will meet at the restaurants at 7:30 p.m. Our monthly business 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.

## 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](mailto:tnkids@kc.rr.com).

## DID YOU KNOW?

## Spotlight on Our Members: Gerry and Kay Shively

Hi, we are Kay & Gerry Shively of Platte City, Missouri and have been members of GWTA since March 1996. Our life together started in a farming community in central Pennsylvania where we attended the same school. I was a senior and Kay a sophomore when we met and started dating, culminating in marriage 19 months later. That was 43 years ago.

Life has treated us well, and we have two children. Meladye, our daughter, was born in October 1960. She lives in Castle Valley, Utah and works for the state as a computer LAN specialist, serving state office buildings in the southern half of Utah. She is single and rides a Harley. Our son J.R. was born in December 1968. Most of you know him because he, his wife Suzy, and their sons Ben and Austin are members of our chapter. They ride an 1986 Suzuki Cavalcade. We had another son, Greg, who was between Meladye and J.R. Greg succumbed to cancer at age 16.

I work for Utility Trailer Sales of Kansas City in a sales capacity. I sell those big behemoths we motorcyclists like so well on the highway. I have spent my entire working career in the transportation industry. Kay works for Dr. William Donohue, DDS, as a receptionist. She was a dental assistant but grew tired of working in mouths and now lends her expertise to the business side.

I always had an interest in motorcycles, but my father wouldn't let me have one as a teenager, probably a wise decision! Our first two bikes were Suzuki 250 Savage dual sport bikes. I did a lot of off-road riding in the mountains of Pennsylvania and also had a major accident that nearly took my life. However, God had other plans, and while I

was healing, I rebuilt my wrecked bike while still on crutches, sold it, and had a new one in the garage waiting for my complete recovery. We brought our 250 along to Missouri. Because of limited dirt-riding areas, we sold it, bought a Honda 360 street bike, moved up to a Honda V45 Sabre, and then into our Cavalcade.

Along life's highway, we have met many people we are proud to say are now our friends. Other activities include our church, the Kansas City Emmaus Community, and of course our family and grandsons. In 2002, I embarked on a new adventure and became a qualified Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Instructor. Kay also participates in MSF by being a range aid and assisting myself and other instructors with range setup for riding exercises. Safety is a real important part of our belief system regarding motorcycling, and if our experiences can benefit anyone else, we want to share them. It is pure pleasure to be associated with the people of Chapter N and GWTA in general. Allow us to say thanks for the memories we've experienced and those yet to come.

In His Grace, Gerry & Kay Shively

(Picture)

## ***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.

## ***E-MAILS AND CHAPTER***

## ***CORRESPONDENCE***

Please keep those e-mail boxes cleaned out in order to receive messages concerning chapter happenings. We use e-mail as our main line of communication.

All correspondence should be sent to Milton and Ruth White for distribution to the chapter. In the event they are out of town, J.R. Shively should be notified so he can send it out to chapter members.

## ***CHAPTER N WEB SITE***

The web site is updated almost daily, so you will want to check it often, especially the calendar of events. If you have something that you would like published on the web site or in the newsletter, please notify Milton and Ruth White. The website is [www.kctourriders.com](http://www.kctourriders.com).

Ruth and 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](mailto:theteers@planetkc.com). The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is May 28.

## ***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: One Skillet Dinner***

Here's another great recipe for campers from

the Chuckwagon Diner that's easy to make.

1 lb. lean hamburger  
1 small onion  
4 potatoes  
2 carrots  
1/4 head cabbage  
salt and pepper  
water  
celery, optional

Fry the hamburger with chopped onion. Do not drain. Add diced potatoes and sliced carrots. Add 1/4-3/8 cup water, salt, and pepper to taste. Cover and cook on medium heat for 12-15 minutes. Add shredded cabbage and cover. Cook an additional 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

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

## Helpful Hints

Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato-based sauces, and there won't be any stains.

When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead, and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.

Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator, and it will keep for weeks.

When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.

Cure for headaches: Take a lime, cut it in half,

and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

Don't throw out all that leftover wine. Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.

To get rid of the itch from mosquito bites, try applying soap on the area, and you will experience instant relief.

Ants, ants, ants everywhere. Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to March. See for yourself.

Use air freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still leaves a lovely smell to the shine.

When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

Now look what you can do with Alka Seltzer:

1. Clean a toilet. Drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets, wait 20 minutes, brush, and flush. The citric acid and effervescent action clean vitreous china.
2. Clean a vase. To remove a stain from the bottom of a glass vase or cruet, fill with water and drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets.
3. Polish jewelry. Drop two Alka Seltzer tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewelry for 2 minutes.
4. Clean a thermos bottle. Fill the bottle with water, drop in four Alka Seltzer tablets, and let soak for an hour or longer, if necessary.

5. Unclog a drain. Clear the sink drain by dropping three Alka Seltzer tablets down the drain followed by a cup of Heinz white vinegar. Wait a few minutes, then run the hot water.

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After concluding an impassioned sales spiel for the latest model, the car salesman paused to let it sink in. "Any questions?" he asked.

"Actually, yes," replied the prospect. "How come the \$26,000 sticker price you're asking is modest, and the \$400 rebate your offering is substantial?"

## **OUR DESTINATION: FRIENDSHIP**

Friendship is one mind in two bodies.

Mencius



*I pledge allegiance  
to the Flag  
of the United States  
of America,  
and to the Republic  
for which it stands:  
one Nation under  
God,  
indivisible,  
with Liberty  
and Justice for all.*

*God Bless America*