

GWTA Chapter N

SEPTEMBER 2003

Message from the Chapter Directors:

We're not sure where it went but the summer flew by. In fact the whole year is flying and very soon we will have completed a very successful first year. We've met a lot of new people this year and have added several to our membership. We've made a lot of new friends and we've had a lot of fun.

Our weekly dinner rides have been excellent and those occasional breakfast rides on Saturday morning have been great. And you know we almost never go anywhere without a stop for ice cream. But we all know it's not the restaurants or the food or the ice cream that brings us out. It's our passion for riding and the friendship and fellowship of those that share our passion.

We are coming into the part of the year when the temperature is a little cooler and there are many opportunities for riding activities. Since Chapter N has not yet developed an annual event of its own, we will want to take advantage of as many of the other activities as we can. To name a few, Toys for Tots, Kansas Chapter L Fall Color Run, Bikers for Babies, Missouri Chapter L Fall Colorama. There are many more and we will try to keep everyone informed of these events. Remember to check the Web site.

We want to remind you all that it doesn't make any difference what brand of motorcycle you ride you are welcome in the GWTA. We want to continue to extend the hand of friendship to the motorcycling community in the Northland.

Until we see you again
Be healthy, happy and
Ride Safely,

Dave & Mardee

RIDERS RITE

OZARK JUBILEE 2003

On Friday morning August 29th a hearty group left in threatening weather for Springfield Missouri to attend the International Drill Team Federation world championship. Gerry and Kay Shively, Bob and Glen Anderson, Charles Wynn and Dave and Mardee King compromised the group. This was the fourth year of competition and everyone was looking forward to the trip. We stopped at Smiths Restaurant in Collins for lunch where Milton and Ruth White caught up with us. We arrived in Springfield early afternoon and checked in at the Red Roof Inn and then on to the Fair Grounds where we met up with Hardy Hunt and Sabrina Daugherty.

The fair grounds facility is an excellent venue for an event like this. There is a large area paved with asphalt and a large covered grandstand on one side of the field.



It is quite an experience to watch these precision riders perform the many different maneuvers and formations. Sometimes you find yourself almost holding your breath until they have finished. There was enough rain on Saturday that all of the practice times and qualifying events had to be cancelled but they made up for it on Sunday afternoon with some stunning performances. There were two classes, under 1000cc and over 1000cc with the winner of each class receiving \$5,000. The runner-ups did pretty well too. The small bike class winners were from Tyler, Texas, riding Honda Shadows and the big bike class winners were from Arizona riding Gold Wings. This year they also had a performance by the Ohio Purple Peddlers. This is a group of older women riding custom-built tricycles in precision formations.



There is another reason to attend this event and it is the “SHOPPING.” All of the vendors are in one of two large A/C’d pavilions. You could get a new tire installed like Charles did or you could get a new Butler Cup holder installed as several of us did. There was enough chrome to blind you and if you needed some new leathers or other riding apparel you had many choices. You could get some new pin-striping, get a mural painted or get your windshield etched. You could even get a new Tulsa windshield installed. And we don’t want to forget the magnetic bracelets for aches and pains. And of course there were the concession stands and you’ll want to ask Hardy about the Root Beer Floats.



What's a trip to Springfield without a visit to Bass Pro? What a shopping excursion. It's a good thing that Milton and Ruth had their trailer or we would never have gotten all the purchases back to the hotel.

The other big attraction in the Springfield/Branson area is Lambert's Restaurant. We skipped lunch on Saturday and headed for Lamberts about 3:45 for an early supper. When we arrived about 4:15 there were 4 million people already in line waiting and it was going to be 5 days before we could be seated so we decided not to wait. So we headed back to town to the Rib Crib for some bar-b-que. It was a good day. Everyone got to ride some. Everyone got all they wanted to eat. Nobody got really wet in the rain. Everyone still had enough money left after all the shopping to be able to buy breakfast on Sunday and a tank of gas to get home.

We went to the competition on Sunday and then headed for home. We stopped in Collins again for slunch (you know-too late to be lunch and too early to be supper). We left there in full rain gear and rode in the rain most of the way home. It was a great weekend and we all had a good time of fellowship with good friends. We wish all of you could have been there with us. We are looking forward to next year.

Dave King

Honda Homecoming

Thursday July 24th at five o'clock in the morning, Terry Williams, Dan Welch and myself were rolling the ramp to I-70 from Little Blue Pkwy headed for Marysville, Ohio. We combined our first fuel stop with some breakfast down around Montgomery City. We stopped for about an hour at Indianapolis and toured the GWTA corp. office and got meet Liz. Don't remember where our other gas stops were at but we were checking into our motel room at Urbana, Ohio at 4:40 that afternoon, 694 miles from my driveway. Urbana is around 24 miles from Marysville. We freshened up a little and headed on into Bellefontaine, which was about 20 miles, and that is where they had all the vendors set up at fairgrounds. Later on we met up with the Welch's and Carkin's for some supper and watched part of the Light Parade. The Parade started at Marysville and wound through some of the back roads and towns up to Bellefontaine which was around 25 miles. The Parade was over 2 miles long and was escorted by a Blimp flying overhead with its lights down the sides all lit up about what was going on. What a site to see in the dark!!!! Friday we met Jim, Peggy, John and Diana at the Assembly Plant for some breakfast, compliments of Honda Rider Club and got in line to tour the plant. The tour didn't allow ME time to stand and watch as long as I would like to have, but they had a lot of people behind me wanting to see too. Getting to see them run the bikes on the Dyno was no doubt one of the highlights. There is way too much to tell you about so you will just have to make plans to go see it yourselves. From Marysville we rode up to Anna, Ohio, which is about 50 miles, and toured the Engine Plant that was equally as interesting. They mfg. 40% of all the engines Honda uses worldwide, they send a truck load of

engines to the assembly plant every 15 to 20 minutes to be assembled. Friday night we had made plans to get together for supper at Fazoli's and say our good-byes until we got back on home ground. There was Jim, Peggy, John, Diana, Jay, Denny, Terry, Don, and myself. Friday morning at 7:20 we hit the trail and were home at 7:00 that evening. Was kind of a quick trip but the memories, fun, and FRIENDSHIP will last forever. I would suggest everyone schedule your vacation around Honda Homecoming time so you can see for yourselves.

Bill Johnson

Chapter N Picnic

On a very warm Thursday evening Gerry & Kay came by our house to pick up all of the items that it takes to have a picnic.

We left our house in their vehicle at approximately 5:30 p.m. The temperature was 109 degrees.

We drove to the Watkins Mill State Park to prepare for the picnic for our monthly dinner ride to the park.

If it weren't warm enough, we started a good-sized fire to cook hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone who was riding up.

What a wonderful sight to see 13-15 motorcycles come riding up. There were a lot of hot riders that evening that made the hot trip to the picnic.

Including 2-3 four wheelers who came and brought their families, we had a great turn out of 30 people.

Everyone had a good time, and we hope plenty to eat. We all sat around and talked until it was dark and a few rode on over to Maggie Moo's for ice cream.

It was a really great time and we thank each of you for joining us. We are thinking about doing this again on a weekend a little later in the fall.

Mardee King

NEWS & NOTES

Important Upcoming Dates

Please mark these dates on your calendars...

October 23: Chapter's first birthday party. Details TBA

December 13: Christmas party. Details TBA

Ozark Jubilee is Moving for 2004

The Ozark Jubilee and the IDTF World Championship is moving to Nashville, Tennessee for the 2004 competition. It will be held over Labor Day at the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center complex. The change to a larger facility in a larger city will draw more competitors and also will draw more attendees. The facility is large enough that everyone will be able to stay in the same hotel or camp in the same area. It will be a great time and the ride to Nashville can be made in one day. Hope to see you there.

SEPTEMBER DINNER RIDES

Sept 04 Parkers BBQ

10925 NW 45 Highway

Sept 11 Village Square Restaurant

301 S. 4th Street

Leavenworth, KS

Sept 18 Back Yard Burgers

9800 NE Barry Road

and ride to Liberty Park

Sept 25 Monthly Meeting at

Old Country Buffet

8350 N. Broadway

Gold Wing For Sale \$39,000

Sloan's Honda was one of the vendors at the Ozark Jubilee. They brought for display and/or sale a 2003 Gold Wing 1800. Candy Apple Red.



Congrats Bob & Glen Anderson



Bob & Glen Anderson are grandparents again. Brittanie Pearl was born at 11:48 p.m. August 10, 2003. She entered this world at 6 lb. 15 oz. and 21 inches long. Both father and mother (David & Tanya) say she looks just like her sister, Sierra. She even weighs the same as Sierra did. Mother and daughter are both doing just fine.

Congrats to Ben & Austin Shively

On Thursday, Sept. 4 Ben was awarded his Recommended Black Belt. Training for his Black Belt will include three separate testings in which he will have to perform three forms, break a board, and spar. He should achieve Black Belt status by June 2004.

On the same night, Austin was awarded his yellow belt. This is the second belt up a ladder of eight to the ultimate goal of Black Belt. Austin has been in Karate for only two months, and is already looking "tough."

We are very proud of both of them, and love them both!

Suzy and JR Shively

MEMBER PROFILE

Try as I might at the Dinner Meeting in Aug., I did not get any volunteers for the member profile section.... So, this is fair warning – if needed, I will start bugging people until the pony up with the stories – and I can REALLY get on your last nerve, just ask my husband!

Please, this section is really for all members. It helps us to get to know each other a little better so that when we ride together the friendships are already begun.

If anyone would like to volunteer, just drop me a note at shively4@kc.rr.com or call me at 464-2661 any evening. I would be glad to take the basic information and quick type it up... Pictures are great and can be emailed to the above address or sent to Suzy Shively 14524 Red Rock Dr., Platte City, Mo. 64079.

I have a scanner and can easily slide then into the newsletter.

Thanks for your support and happy riding!

Suzy