



Chapter Newsletter

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Gift tag wording:
Returning your zucchini.
Accept the fruitcake as my
thanks! Merry Christmas!

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From Your Chapter Director

BY TIM SWEEDEN, CD

Chapter Members,

I have been running around working like my hair (yes, I have some hair!) is on fire and I feel like I am spinning my Dunlap tires. Kim has been working her tires off, too, and it is time for us to slow down and have our tires rotated. I might suggest Kim go to see Kevin Nelson for a mount, balance and spin but that may cause some problems between her and Tracy, because after all, whose game is this anyway? This last sentence may not make any sense to you, but if you attend the X-Chapter Christmas Party at Steve and Carolyn Cotton's house on Saturday, December 5, you would TOTALLY understand. One of those "you had to be there" deals but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to at least write a few words about what fun we had.

You may have heard the story relayed by "Dr. John" Hoover about the elephant he treated recently at the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Hospital. The elephant had "escaped" from a show in Enid, wondered out near a road and was hit by

a passing motorist. Dr. John was explaining to the group at the Christmas Party that the elephant was now headed to Florida. Jeff Sweeden asks nonchalantly, "How do you get an elephant to Florida?" to which Steve Verbos quickly answers, "You pack his trunk!" If you can imagine an entire evening of such antics, that is what occurred. Talk about having fun, friends and fellowship! Plan to join us next year—you won't want to miss it!

Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year to you and your family!

Ride often and Ride Safe!

Tim and Kim Sweeden

X-Chapter Directors

(PS—the above article was written by Tim's ghost writer, Lynn Hughes. Blame her.)

CHAPTER MEETING

2nd Saturday—Sirloin Stockade,
 Stillwater,
 8:00 am eat 9:00 am meet
 Ride following meeting

PLANNING MEETING—All Members

1ST FRIDAY

6:00 PM eat 7:00 PM meet
 Perkins Restaurant, Stillwater

RIDER SAFETY

BY RON SADLER, SAFETY COORDINATOR

Oxymoron's....

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word were misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why do "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
16. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
17. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
20. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
21. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
22. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
23. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
24. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?
25. Christmas oxymoron: What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We will catch you down the road.

Ron Sadler

Safety Coordinator/Rider Educator

After the November 14 chapter meeting, Barbara and Steve (sorry I didn't catch their last names) and Dan Morales rode with Dr. John, Steve Sumpter, Jim and Ann Kinder, and Marc and Lynn Hughes over to Hallet, OK to the Hallet Raceway. Most of the motorcycles present, as in racing or getting ready to race, were not GoldWings, so we had lots of heads turning our way as we drove in. We had the awesome opportunity to "ride the track" at 12:30—an opportunity they provide motorcycles and cars to experience to get the feel of the track. Of course, we could have paid a fee of \$100+ and actually raced but no one took that option. Dr. John did provide a race-watchers' grandson the ride of his life by giving the young boy (age six or so) a ride around the track as his co-rider. The boy's helmet swallowed his head but his eyes were as big as the moon and he had a grin from ear-to-ear. It was a great experience! If you ever get a chance to "ride the track" at Hallet Raceway, do it! Submitted by Lynn Hughes

Couple Connections

BY DAVID AND CINDY HUDGINS, COUPLE OF THE YEAR, SEPTEMBER 2009-PRESENT

No news from the couple of the year this month. We will look forward to hearing from them next month.

Attention all Rally Cats: Your district directors and region staff bring you a challenge: Attend all six Region H Rallies (Region H, LA, TX, AR, KS & OK) in 2010 and you will be eligible to enter in a drawing for FREE rally registration for all the Region H rallies in 2011! Simple rules, keep track of your rally attendance throughout 2010. After the last rally, OK, submit your name to the Region H Director. We will draw the winner at the Nov 2010 Region H Staff meeting. Winners participation will be verified with the region & district directors. You MUST be pre-registered at all the rallies to enter. This is for one person. If couples enter all the rallies each may submit their names individually for the drawing.



Contact Harry & Joan Dollarhide, Region H Directors (C) 405-694-5218

Gold Book Update

As members of the GWRRA organization, one of the benefits you receive is a copy of the “Gold Book” that lists members (if they want to be included in the book—it is optional) all across the US and other countries that have GWRRA members. The book has lots of information in it—again, it is optional as to what information YOU want published about you—but the number one reason members use the book is in case of an emergency. If you are traveling and say, for instance, you have mechanical trouble and there isn’t help for miles around—reach in your trunk and pull out the Gold Book to find a GWRRA member in the area who can assist you with your needs. The Gold Book information can be updated anytime during the year—it is never too early or too late to update your listings. The deadline is always the beginning of November each year in order to be in the published book, but if you have any changes to make or you want to check on what you have listed currently, contact GWRRA Member Services at:

<http://www.gwrro.org/contact.html> or email at customerservice@gwrro.org or call them at 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500.



Above: Do you see the motorcycle?
Middle: Look closer—you can see the back tire.
Right: Do you see it laying in there sideways.
Bottom Right: No survivors. Caused by high speed and car driver texting.
Photos by unknown internet source

BE CAREFUL AND WATCH FOR THE OTHER DRIVERS WHO AREN'T WATCHING FOR YOU!



GWRRA—GoldWing Restaruant Review Association

BY STEVE AND SAM VERBOS, RESTAURANT REVIEW NEWS CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Well here is the first Restaurant Review by Steve and Sam. This will be a monthly article in the X-Chapter Newsletter. We will be reviewing where we like to eat or any new place we may have tried. Most will be in the state of Oklahoma but we will write on places that we go to when we are on a trip to give others an idea of where to eat if they happen to be in that particular area.

I think for the first review we will tell you about a very good place in Nashville, Tennessee. We recently took a trip to Huntsville, AL to visit Steve's brother and took a day trip to Nashville. I had gotten an e-mail from Tennessee tourism and it had highlighted this restaurant in the newsletter. So here goes.

The place is called Monell's and they have several places around the Nashville area. We went to the 'Original' Monell's. It is located in the old Germantown area of Nashville. We used a GPS to find it since we were not familiar with the area. We arrived just before 10:30 am, which is opening time. We got to wait in a garden area that has plenty of seating and swings to pass the time in. It was well shaded and had some unusual plants and trees in it. When they opened we were greeted by some of the nicest people. This is a family style restaurant where everything is served just like you do at home. They seated us at a long wooden table that would seat 10-12 people. The table had a lazy Susan on it that held water, un-sweet tea, napkins, salt, pepper, and a couple of other condiments, the sweet tea pitcher was sitting on the table because that is what most people seemed to prefer. There was already 3 salads on the table, and the server said "don't fill up on the cheap stuff, cause the good stuff is coming." The "good stuff" was rolls and vegetables, mashed potatoes, green beans, field peas. Then they brought out the 3 meats for that day, beef bbq ribs, smothered chicken in gravy and skillet fried chicken. Not long after we started eating another gentleman came in and was seated with us. He was from Ireland and in town on business. We enjoyed talking to him and making a new friend while we ate.

Everything was just like you cook at home. There were 4 people in our party and we all enjoyed everything and really enjoyed the Skillet Fried Chicken, which is why we decided to try this establishment. We could hear them cooking in the kitchen while we were eating. The atmosphere and decor were wonderful. We ended the meal with homemade banana pudding that was just yummy. We all had more than one serving of just about everything on the table. They have skillet fried chicken every day and then each day has different meat along with the fried chicken. Vegetables, salads and desserts also change daily.

There was also another little restaurant next door to Monell's, this may be a future review, and across the street on the corner was a fresh fish market.

So, if you are looking for some good southern food served southern style, look them up when you are in Nashville.

website: <http://www.tnmonells.com/index.php>

Hours of operation:

Lunch: Monday - Friday 10:30 am - 2:00 pm, **Dinner:** Tuesday -Saturday 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm, **Country Breakfast:** Saturday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm / Sunday 8:30 am - 11:00 am, **Sunday Meal:** 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Locations:

'The Original'
Monell's Dining & Catering
circa 1880

1235 6th Ave North
Nashville, TN 37208
(615) 248-4747

Catering: (615) 726-4938

Monell's At Franklin's Historic Jail
circa 1903

108 Bridge Street
Franklin, TN 37064
(615) 790-6998

See you next month! Happy Eating!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME!

Received via email:

Dear Lynn,

I thought that I would send a picture of Shawn and I on the bike. I got my wing on Sept 26th. I got Shawn on the bike for the first time on November 12th. I wanted to document that occasion. I know that she loved it.

A little background about us. I am a retired police officer from the Stillwater Police Department. I still work at the police department as the jail Supervisor. I am a graduate of UCLA in California and OSU so you know that I am a cowboy fan. Shawn is from Bartlesville and is currently Sexton at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Stillwater.

I was, for about five years, the motorcycle officer for the Stillwater Police Department, riding mostly HD's (Harley Davidson's)

Between Shawn and myself, we have four children. We have one that just joined the Air Force and will deploy to Germany in February.

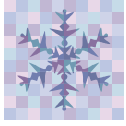
We look forward to riding with the many new friends in the chapter and organization in general.

Welcome John and Shawn!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Think of places for the chapter to ride and let Marc know.	8	9	10	11	12 X-Chapter Meeting Sirloin Stockade Stirlwater 8:00 eat 9:00 meet. Leadership Training— Stroud Best Western
13 Leadership Training— Stroud Best Western	14	15 Review your motorcycle insurance needs to reflect any updates you have made this year (triking, trailers, etc.)	16	17	18	19
20	21 First Day of Winter	22 Place your order for new chapter t-shirts.	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 HOLIDAY 	26
27	28	29 Note the mileage on your motorcycle to keep track of the total miles ridden next year.	30 Newsletter Items Due 5:00 pm	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		

SAVE THE DATE!

**Mark it on your ride calendar
TODAY!**

The X-Chapter X-Travaganza (formerly 'anniversary')

**Friday, June 4 through Sunday, June 6, 2010
Lunch provided Saturday at 2 pm**

X-citement!

**X-cellent onsite smoked bri-X-set
Olymp-X games (all non-strenuous, with prizes!)**

**At beautiful, wooded, quiet, scenic Keystone Lake
New Mannford Ramp, Mannford, OK**

**Free tent camper and tent campsites available.
RV campsites available with electric and water hookups for \$17.
Make your reservations TODAY with Char Sadler at 918.223.5688.**

For more information, contact Marc Hughes at 405.747.5782.