



## February Ramblings from the Chapter Directors

As Shawn and I understand it, February 2<sup>nd</sup> Punxsutawney Phil will bur-row on Gobbler's Knob – in front of thousands of followers from all over the world to predict the weather for the rest of winter. As I am sure you all know, legend has it that if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring. Of course in Oklahoma we can have 107 degrees one day and the next it can be a swing of 88 degrees to 19 degrees. Yes it did happen in Stillwater, Ok. Seriously though, before you know it, winter will be over and we can begin to get out and ride those great back roads we have heard about all year winter long. Chapter-X has a great calendar set up for some good rides and know that we all have other locations that we would love to ride. Know of any rides you are planning to take that others might want to join in. Group rides are so much fun for everyone involved. Just be patient for just a little longer and we'll be back in the ride saddle again.

Everyone please welcome our new Assistant Chapter Director Marie Wilson and her husband Steve. I know that she will be a great team member for Chapter-X and GWRRA. Thanks to Ron Sadler for taking on the position of Rider Educator for a few months until we can get a permanent coordinator. It is always nice to see when our members step up and help.



What a fantastic Leadership training class we had on January 14<sup>th</sup> right after our monthly gathering. We had 20 Chapter-X members and 18 members from other chapters in the district attend the training. What a great time that we all had on picking up valuable information on the membership orientation program of GWRRA. We learned about History of GWRRA, Structure of GWRRA, Helpful information for new members and had an overview of the Horizon program. Jack Wagner also had a session of Team Riding which was covered in Rider Education. A big thanks to Jack Wagner, Steve and

Carolyn Cotton for assisting in teaching the sessions. Also thanks to Ron and Char Sadler, David and Cindi Hudgins for providing the refreshments for the classes. And was the Hideaway Restaurant a great place to eat. We will have the last half of the Membership Orientation Program on Saturday March 17, 2012 at the Yale High School in Yale, Ok.

Please do not forget to keep in contact with our great Chapter-X members of Enid and Alva this winter. Please send them a note and even better call them and set up a time to drive up and see them for lunch. I know they would enjoy it.

And what a great time we have at our dinner rides. It was especially a good time at the Stake & Catfish Restaurant in Edmond on January 21st. It is located at Waterloo road just off of I-35. To look at it from the outside you would think that it is a real dump. Parking lot is really bad and from the looks of the building it has not had any new paint on it for years. But going inside you see the place was packed. We had 16 Chapter-X members come and enjoy some of the best food ever. The bottom line is "Don't judge the book by its cover" or you might miss out on some great food.

Get your bags out of the attic and be ready for our Ch-X Sweetheart Train Ride to Ft. Worth, Texas on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We have 22 members signed up and know that it will really be a fun time for all of us this year. Guys, don't forget the gift ready for your favorite person.

Remember that in February is our 17<sup>th</sup> annual chapter-X anniversary on February 25, 2012 in Cushing at the Cushing Youth Center. We will need everyone's help both before and after the anniversary. Don't forget to get your pair of overall's and straw hat ready. It will be a fun day for all in attendance. Assignments for the anniversary will be given out at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> planning session.

We will see you on February 3<sup>rd</sup> for our planning meeting. Remember, our next gathering is February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Sirloin Stockade in Stillwater at 9:00am. We will eat at 8:00am.

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