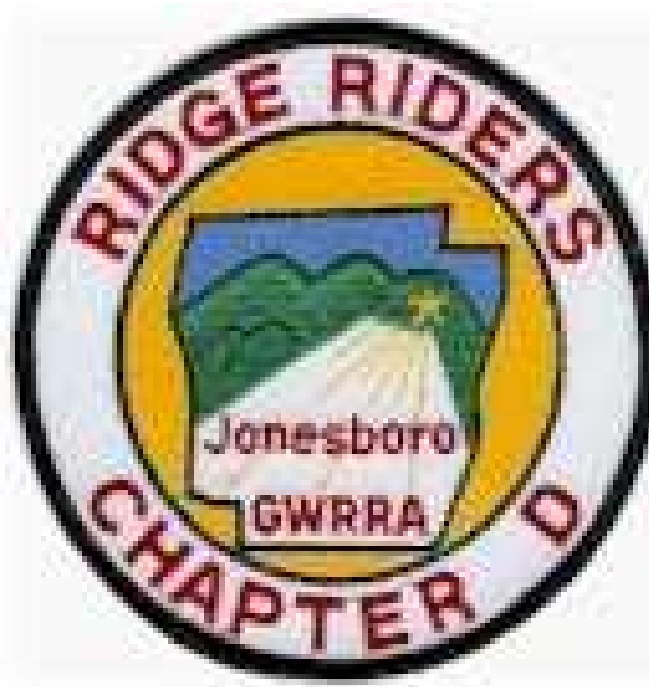


September 2007

Writes from the Ridge Riders



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Aug and Sept Excitements

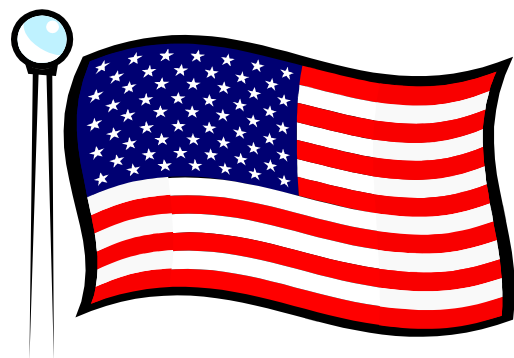
Sept is sure looking better than Aug with the rain. Still kind of hot, but today despite the rain we had 31 attending the meeting. That is a good number considering the weather.

Our meeting was mostly based around the final plans for the Rally coming up this Saturday the 15th. We passed around the food sheet again and asked for volunteers. We had some more members to come forward and say that they would be willing to help us out with cooking and other duties. Thanks to all in advance for the help

We did not have our friends from Blytheville this month. with last week being the Holiday weekend, Chapter D had to move up the meeting a week making it fall on the same weekend as chapter W.

If any of you have anything you want to have in the newsletter, you may send it to me or to Tommy, but do not send it in PDF file. Send only in Word document as it is so much easier to work with such as cut and paste.

The first in the 50-50 drawing was for \$20.00 going to Larry Davis, second for \$15.00 going to Kathy Hall and third for \$10.00 going to Dave Johnson. Congrats go to them! We gave away a total of 6 door prizes going to Larry Davis, Bobby Milligan, Don Smith, and Fred and Sandra May won three of them. Not sure if Fred did or Sandra but since I am writing this and I am a female, I would say that the winner is Sandra. Girls just do this!! Thank You to everyone that brought door prizes. Thanks to Kathy and Wayne for donating their \$15.00 to the Kids Can



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Couple of the Year 2006
Kathy & Wayne Hall

Couple of the Year 2007
Alan & Judy Tucker

Chapter "D"
Meeting 1st Sunday
at 2:30 (eat 1:30)
Western Sizzlin
Highland Drive
Jonesboro North of
Lowes

Assistant Director Reminds You!!

September 8th Chapter "J" rally in Russellville also known as Hobo Stew Rally

September 9th Regular Chapter Meeting

September 15th Chapter "D" Rally on the Ridge" Craighead Forrest

September 21st Kansas District Rally in Abilene Ks

September 29th Chicken Rally in Batesville

October 4-6th Oklahoma District Rally in Stillwater OK

October 11-13th Biloxi Ms District Rally

October 20th District Memorial Picnic at Burns Park in Little Rock

October 27 Chapter "X" Rally in Clarksville

Our Rally is just around the corner and we need all of your help!!!

Everyone get on your Riding Gear because Sept and Oct has turned out to be pretty busy. The Hot weather is behind us now and something is going on every weekend. You can never be bored with GWRRA if you just get into the program.

Anything that you may be interested in can be found on the District Web Site with more details on the events.

Some of us will be going to most of these and would love your company.

We will send out Email to inform you of the time and place to meet as the date approaches.

Ride for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. GWRRA offers it all in one package!!!

Another Fun Month in GWRRA

August sure was a "HOT MONTH" It was busy and we made it fun but it was hot!!! Sure looking forward to the weather cooling down and hope that we have that here by the Rally Date.

Aug 5th was Chapter D monthly meeting.

Aug 11th Some of our members traveled down to Rogers for the Chapter B Rally and spent the night before returning home the next day.

Aug 18th We had a really good turn-out for the Breakfast at Front Page and then on to Forest City to the Honda Shop. They were generous in giving us a donation for the Rally.

August 24th We had a really good Staff meeting to make final plans for the rally. All the Staff was present except for Alan and Judy and they had something else they had committed to.

August 25th Some of the members traveled to Mountain View for a big Bike event and stayed the night again and traveled home on Sunday

August 31st This was the weekend for the big 30th Birthday Party of GWRRA. If you went, you saw!! If you did not go, a child's birthday party would have been more fun than this was. But all in all, it was a fun ride taking the back roads into Nashville and just being with those you love to have fun with.

*Until next month Ride safe
Kathy and Wayne
District Couple 2007-08*

Chief Ridge Rider

This past week was not a very good week for three of Chapter D's participants. Larry Davis went into the hospital Friday with a slow heartbeat. He is still waiting for the doctor to let him know what is causing the problem. We want to wish him well as he had some stints put in back in July. He was still in St. Bernard's at the time that this was written. He is in room 2033.

Jerry Hinton is still in the hospital with just the bottom of his heart pumping. I do not know what hospital that he is in. Jerry had some problems with his heart after he went to Billings, Montana for Wing Ding. I will inform everyone of Jerry's condition as soon as I know. Please remember the Hinton's in your prayers.

Faye Reese fell at the hotel in Paris, Tn. as we were going to Nashville for the 30th GWRRA Birthday Celebration and broke her left arm. She went to the hospital there then Eddie, her son, brought Art's van to Paris and picked her up and brought her home. She went to the doctor Tuesday and he put a clam shell splint on her left arm that is supposed to be more comfortable than the sling. Remember Faye also in your prayers that her arm will heal fast.

There are three rallies happening in September with the first being at Russellville, The Hobo Stew. It starts at 10:30 A.M. with just a can of vegetables and \$5.00 for entrance fee. All the veggies are put into a pot and cooked there for the meal. We will be leaving the BP station on Southwest Dr. and Parker Rd. at 7:00 A.M. to go to Russellville. This would be a good ride after all of the hot weather that we have had.

The second rally is our own, RALLY ON THE RIDGE, at Craighead Forest Pavilion 1 on September 15. We would like to see all of Chapter D there since we are expecting a large turnout since the hot weather has broken. Bob Milligan has set up an observation run for everyone that would like to go on a ride. He has a good prize for the winner of the observation run. He will probably be starting the run as early as 8:30 for those that want to get an early start. The Rally will start at 10:00 A.M. and go until when. We have our very own D.J. that will be supplying some music for your listening enjoyment. We will need everyone's help for this to be a big success.

The last rally of the month is September 29th at Batesville, The Big Chicken Rally. It will be starting at 10:00 A.M. We will be leaving the BP Station on Southwest Dr. and Parker Rd. at 8:30 A.M. to go to Batesville. I believe that this will be their 3rd rally to put on and I expect it to be as good as the first two, which was great. For a fun filled day, let's make a great showing at Batesville.

Chapter D has a new web site---gwr-ra-ar-d.

AR-D Chapter Directors
Tommy and Karen Brown



Educator's Corner



Avoid being a trophy

During the Labor Day weekend we were visited by Sherry's cousin from California. We thought it was a "must" to show her the wonderful scenery between Jonesboro and the Missouri State Line at Mammoth Springs. We headed out Labor Day afternoon going north and I could not help noticing at least 3 deer dead on the side of the highway, and thinking its not "that time" of year yet . Well, maybe it is not "that time" but they are out there with their sights on your Goldwing. Did you know that deer sit around all day and brag about how many Goldwings they bagged last riding season? **And** lived to brag about it! Harleys are just kind of like a coon or rabbit not much to brag about. A lot of Harleys are out there, but only a few trophy Goldwings. They may let two or three Harleys go by waiting to bag a Goldwing. Besides Harleys are too loud and irritating to a deer's sensitive hearing. Ok, now all joking aside, deer are out there and amount to a large number of fatalities and injury to motorcycle riders. 84.9 % of motorcycle-deer collisions resulted in human fatalities. What can you do to avoid getting too up-close and personnel with an eight point buck?

- Deer travel in groups. One deer means there are probably more, so even if the one you see is on the road and going away, slow down immediately.
- Heed deer crossing signs, particularly in season and times of the day when deer are active. Slow down, use your high beam, and cover your brakes.
- Deer collisions peak in October –November from 5 to 10 PM with a smaller peak in May and June.
- Flashing your headlights low to high beam and back may break the spell that causes deer to freeze.
- If a collision appears imminent, do not swerve. Braking hard up to the point of impact is good, but you want to be stabilized if you collide, which will give you the greatest chance of staying upright.
- If riding in a group spread out, this will keep one rider who hits a deer from taking other riders down.
- Wear protective gear. The only way to be ready when it happens is to be ready on every ride. A collision with a deer that leaves you lying injured in the road is one more reason to wear reflective material.

Always ride safe, Keith and Sherry Sanders, AR-D Rider Educators

Happy Birthday

*Bobby Milligan
Mykle Carruth*

Happy Anniversary

*Wayne and Kathy Hall
Joe and Paula Sheppard
Bobby and Mitzi Milligan
Jerry and Carole Hinton
Alan and Judy Tucker*

If I do not have your birthday and Anniversary Date, please get them to me so that no-one gets left out!!!!



Arkansas Chapter Meeting Times and Places

Chapter A Little Rock

Eat: 8:00 AM Meeting 9:00
Frontier Diner
Contact: Bob & Barbara Summerville
(501) 455-5231
director@rivercitywings.net

Chapter B Springdale
Meet: 2nd Saturday
Eat: 11:00 AM Meeting 12:00
Fire Mountain Restaurant
Contact: Mike & Ruthie Erskin
(479)779-9562
mrenskin@cox.net

Chapter C Cabot
Meet: 1st Saturday
Eat: 4:00PM Meeting 5:00
Sawbucks
Contact: Chris and Pam DePriest
(501) 882-5437
gwryellow@hughes.net

Chapter D Jonesboro
Meet: 1st Sunday
Eat: 1:30 PM Meeting 2:30
Western Sizzlin
Contact: Tommy & Karen Brown
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Chapter E Hot Springs
Meet: 4th Saturday
Eat: 9:00 Am Meeting 10:00
Hesters Restaurant Travel Lodge
Contact: Carol & Bob Bass
501-922-3691
carolbass@sbcglobal.net

Chapter F Warren
Meet: 3rd Saturday 5:00 PM
Lumberjack Café
Contact: Donald & Darlene savage
(870)463-8772 or 820-2813
Docsavage300@yahoo.com

Chapter H Batesville
Meet 2nd Saturday
Eat: 1:00 PM Meeting 2:00
Western Sizzlin
Contact: |Don & Denise Provence
(870)793-4180
dprovence1@cox.net

Chapter I Stuttgart
Meet: 2nd Saturday
Eat: 11:00 AM Meeting 12:00
Western Sizzlin
Contact: Warren Morris
(870) 659-3884
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Chapter J Russellville
Meet 1st Saturday
Eat: 12:00 Meeting 1:00
Western Sizzlin
Contact: Ken and Rhonda Holmes
(479) 968-5179
khomeley@mail.cswnet.com

Chapter L Conway
Meet: 3rd Saturday
Eat: 5:00 PM Meeting 6:00
Annie's Restaurant
Contact: Frank and Debbie Likert
(501) 268-8367
flikert@yahoo.com

Chapter P Mountain Home
Meet: 3rd Saturday
Eat: 12:00 Meeting 1:00 PM
Ramada Inn
Contact: Roy & Pam Behrens
(870) 492-5885
ropa@cox.suddenlink.com

Chapter R Van Buren
Meet: 4th Saturday
Eat: 1:00 PM Meeting 2:00
Western Sizzlin
Contact: Liz & Jim Thompson
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Chapter T Texarkana
Meet: 1st Thursday
Eat: 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00
Ramada Inn
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Chapter W Blytheville
Meet 3rd Thursday
Eat: 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00
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Chapter X Clarksville
Meet: 4th Saturday
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