



WINGWORD

Feb 2016

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Old man winter is really here. As I am writing this there is a light snow falling outside, I am sure the farmers are hoping for much more to help the moisture in the ground, skiers are hoping there will a lot of snow in the mountains so they can fall down the slopes. Little children hope there will be so much that they won't have to go to school and then they can go outside and play in it. Build snow forts and have snowball fights or make a snowman or just sled down a hill. I just wish it was 70 degrees outside and I could go on a nice ride. I wished I would of won the lottery also. Sorry, just needed to get that off of my chest, and remember spring is only 2 months away!

The ground hog day ride is coming up on the 7th of February. We are meeting at Braums on Seneca just north of Douglas street. First gear at 1 pm and we will ride at least as far as the temp. is, example 40 degrees we ride 40 miles. 50 degrees we'll ride 50 miles. 10 degrees I won't be riding! We will decide how far and to where at Braums before we take off.

GWTA will be at the Chill in Park City again this year. The dates are Feb. 26,27 ,28 at the Kansas Pavilions. It was going to be at Century 2 this year because it looked like the pavilions were not going to be available this year but as it turns out not only were they still in use but they are even bigger. There will be a sign up sheet at the Feb. meeting if you would want to put in what times that you could come out and help at our booth.

The Feb. monthly meeting will be a pot luck dinner and it will be at the Calvary UMC church. Just to give everyone a heads up the March monthly meeting will be at St Johns Episcopal Church at 402 N. Topeka. Thanks to Phil and Nancy for arranging this for us. One item that I over looked in the Jan. meeting was the selection of a new Family of the year. Think of who you think has done a lot for the organization and nominate them next month. Just looked at what happened to our last Family of the Year, they became national family and we couldn't be prouder Janet and John!

That's all for this month, looking forward to warmer temps and some good riding!

Ride safe and ride often,
Kelly



We meet directly at the restaurant October—March

Wednesday Dinners

Jan 27

Bishops 943-0393
4202 W Kellogg

Feb 3

Sweet Willy Hillbilly BBQ
4628 S Seneca 260-6043

Feb 10

Neighbors Restaurant
2315 W 21st St N 838-1338
(they have fish specials for Ash Wed)

Feb 17

Country Café
2804 S Seneca 719-3837

Feb 24

Cowtown Burger & Brew
(Old name was MOOYAH)
352 S West Street 558-5600

Mar 2

Olive Garden
323 N Rock Rd
(must be there at 6:30 for seating)

Mar 9

When Pigs Fly
7011 W Central

Mar 16

Pizza Hut
333 E 47th S (next to K-Mart)

Mar 23

Nancy's Amazin Sandwich

Mar 30

Shang Hai Restaurant
3815 E Harry

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Chapter A Calendar:

Feb 7 Ground Hog ride @ Bruams at Douglas & Seneca
1st gear at 1pm

Feb 20 Monthly Meeting @ Calvary Methodist Church
pot luck, setup 5:30, eat 6pm

Feb 26,27,28 Chill Bike Show (we will have a booth)
Fri noon-10pm, Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Mar 19 Monthly Meeting @ NEW location
potato bake, eat 6pm
St John Episcopal Church, 402 N Topeka (in basement)
Parking lot west of Church or east side of alley

2016 Dinner Location Sign Up

Jan: McCune (due 11/25)

July: Frost (due 5/26)

Feb: Frost (due 12/25)

Aug: Felix (due 6/26)

March: Felix (due 1/25)

Sept: Webber (due 7/26)

April: Hensley (due 2/26)

Oct: Melson (due 8/26)

May: Eubank (due 3/26)

Nov: McCarts (due 9/26)

June: Howard (due 4/26)

Dec: Sawyer (due 10/26)

Keep on Truckin' with Kelly:

We keep are truckin' into 2016, as our Chapter Director, Kelly Felix , takes a moment to give us all some helpful advice on keeping safe while on the road.

*All of the previous lessons can be tied to this one, leaving yourself an out or an escape route. In the previous lessons we learned to look far ahead, take in everything that is happening around you, and to keep scanning your surroundings. While riding in the open country it would appear that a rider wouldn't need to worry to much about needing a way out but there are still many things that can jump out at you.

* Say you are out in the country and a car comes up behind you and then makes a pass when a dog runs out in front of you, you had better have a plan for that. Is the car still behind you? Can you gas on it and cut in front of the car to miss the dog? Maybe brake hard then cut in behind the car? You only have a split second to do something so it is best to already have a plan in your mind.

I * In town or just in heavy traffic in is even more important to have a escape plan. Try not to let yourself be boxed in and keep an eye on all of the other vehicles around you. Do they see you? Be ready for any of them to make sudden lane changes that takes your escape route away from you.

* Something else I would like to say here and it probably wouldn't be used while on your bike but in your car. In slick conditions it seems to me that people get in packs while going down the highway. Maybe one is driving extra slow and as others catch up to them they just slow down and before you know it there is a bunch running together. When in a pack like this all it takes is one car to just get a little sideways and the others panic and then everyone is in the ditch! When I am in my big truck and come up on a pack I will work my way through and get the heck away from them. It is much safer by yourself on slick roads.

* To wrap it up always know your surroundings and leave yourself a way out. If another driver takes away your escape route reposition yourself to get a new one.



Thoughts
In your time
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ARE WITH YOU

GWTA Chapter A
To all our friends,

This group has been a blessing of support and a life line of kindness during the trials of our time while with you. Your generosity has been overwhelming. Renee and I both thank you for our family and ourselves. Continued adventures and travels will keep us guided for many years.

Thank you all . It's a pleasure to be part of this Group.

Tom & Renee Sawyer

The January meeting of Chapter A GWTA was held 01/16/2016 at Calvary UMC

The meal was the Chili Dump with members bringing chili or condiments.

Birthdays this month are Connie Thompson(5), EJ Kuntz(11), Tom Sawyer(12), Richard McCart(13), John McCune(26), and Lonnie Mendenhall(31).

Anniversaries are Kelly & Donna Felix(7) and Bill & Mona Morris(28).

Updates on our members: Dwayne Howard underwent another round of chemo and reports he is good: EJ and Jackie Kuntz are well: Stacy Melson is facing surgery.

Upcoming events for us

Feb 7 is our Ground Hog Ride. We meet at Braums (Seneca & Douglas). 1st gear at 1:00pm

Feb 20 next monthly meeting at CMC having a Pot Luck. Setup at 5:30pm eat at 6:00 with meeting after.

Feb 26-28 The "Chill" at KS Pavilions. Signups at next meeting and are you willing to enter your bike?

March 19th monthly meeting will be held at St John Episcopal Church (NE corner Topeka & 3rd)

Apr 16 Club Day at MAPS (Mid America Power Sports). 9:00am to 4:pm More info to follow...

Apr27-May1 is Spyder Fest

Don't forget your GoldRush registration in for the Rally in July 11-14, 2016.

Other news:

Get your shirts ordered! Call if you don't have time to go to the store. (Now at S Pattie)

Heartspring has an article in their news magazine thanking us for our participation. Next Pedal Fest is Aug 20. We are known for our homemade cookies.

Anita McCune gave us our financial report for 2015. We were able to give \$425 in donations ending with more monies than the start of the year.

50/50 winners for 2015 was Tom & Renee Sawyer (8 times), Alan & Sherry Highland (6), and Lonnie & Linda Mendenhall (5 times).

NEW CONTEST for 2016: Going on bike rides we need to spell out AIR CAPITAL WINGS going to various cities with the starting letter. Take a picture of your bike in a prominent spot with the name of the town. Send pics to Donna Felix. Prizes will be awarded for further distance and most letters obtained.

Have a MYSTERY RIDE idea? Make it happen.

Mystery bag was won by Stacy Melson, Tom Sawyer won 50/50 (AGAIN???) ,and newsletter # was Rick Frost.



Ground Hog Day group ride

Date: Feb 7th (Sunday)

Location: Braums

Address: Seneca & Douglas

Time: 1:00pm ready to ride

Assumptions: no snow, no ice, no rain or freezing cold

THE QUESTIONS: Will the ground hog see his shadow ?
Will we see you for the ride ?



THANK YOU note

Dear Gold Wing Touring Association,

Thank you for your support of our young ladies at Carpenter Place. Because of your gift, we are able to provide homes for the homeless, hope for the hopeless and restoration for many hurting families and girls. Many of our young ladies have lived through neglect, abuse, abandonment, substance abuse and a number of other life altering circumstances, and many times they come to us broken and hopeless. Through your support we are able to provide them a safe, secure home for rebuilding their family and restoring their life.

Carpenter place is unique in that we work not only with the young lady, but with the whole family. Our program is designed to equip, support and counsel the families through a restorative process so that long after they leave our Home, they are still healthy and whole. We strive to break the cycles of addiction, abuse and neglect so that our young ladies grow into loving daughters, wives and moms.

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PEDALFEST VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

THE GOLD WINGS

Just imagine. You are nearing the end of your 100K bike route. You are tired, hungry and your legs don't want to keep pushing. You pull off at the last SAG (support and gear) stop and you see a treasure trove of cookies, baked goods and cool water that gives you that last boost you need to keep going.

The Gold Wing Touring Association provides our PedalFest riders a much-needed break during the rides. They go the extra mile by making buckets of baked goods for the hungry riders. They bake 25 to 30 dozen treats each year.

"I don't stop at every SAG stop every year, so I make sure I know which one is hosted by the Gold Wings," Monte Shaw, PedalFest rider, said. "Their homemade treats are not to be missed—homemade energy bars, cookies, brownies, the works.

Their generosity starts with their own love of sweets.

"We like to eat," Treasurer Anita McCune said. "We like ice cream. We like cookies. We just want something different."

The Gold Wings and their SAG stop have become regular staples at PedalFest. They've had a rest stop for about six years, but that's not all they do. The Gold Wings



also help keep PedalFest cyclists safe by riding the route on their motorcycles.

"The Gold Wings are the 'guardian angels' of the cyclists in a sense. They watch over the safety of the cyclists by riding in front of and behind the groups and block traffic at left turns," Special Events Coordinator Hannah Henning said. "PedalFest could not be more grateful for their support and their help in guaranteeing rider safety!"

They've escorted the riders since the very beginning of PedalFest, volunteering 11 of the 12 years. The group has at least 10 motorcycles along the route. The motorcyclists follow the cyclists across Wichita, both in the city and on the country roads.

"We like to do things to help our community, and this way is one way we can give back," McCune said.

It's a tradition they hope to continue. The Gold Wings are already planning for their next PedalFest so our riders have some friendly faces and cookies to look forward to in August.

February 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Sweet Willy Hillbilly BBQ 4628 S Seneca	4	5	6
7 Ground Hog Ride, 1pm Gail Hensley	8	9	10 Neighbors Restaurant 2315 W 21st N	11	12	13
14 Tom & Renee Sawyer Newt Webber	15	16	17 Country Cafe 2804 S Seneca	18	19	20 Monthly Mtg Calvary UMC 5:30setup, 6pm eat
21	22	23	24 Cowtown Burger & Brew 352 S West St Lonny & Linda Mendenhall	25	26 BIKE Chill	27 BIKE Chill
28 BIKE Chill Barbara McCart	29					

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