



# WINGWORD

March 2016

## DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Well the Chill is next weekend so we are getting busy here getting stuff ready to go. I hope to see many of you there, more on the show next month. Just hoping that we are quite ways away from the band stand. When I was younger, back in the 60's, I would stand right up by the stage for hours listening to local bands play at battle of the bands shows, but now I like my music a LOT quieter. Man, I am getting old!

The weather has really turned around the last week which means that riding season is right around the corner, and some have already been out riding. Before you get your bike out for a ride remember to check it over well and pump up those tires, they will lose air pressure as they set in the cold over the past few months. Another good idea is to change your oil if you didn't before tucking her in. Donna and I are really hoping to get in a lot more riding in this summer and we want to go riding with you!

The monthly meeting for March 19th is going to be at St. John's Episcopal Church at 402 N. Topeka. You can park on the west side across the street or on the east side across the alley, Phil will have signs up directing which door to enter in. We are having our fabulous potato bake so bring your favorite topping and maybe a desert. Sure did miss the cream puffs the last meet! Thanks to Phil and Nancy for getting us a place to meet this month and to John and Janet for providing to spuds!

Many of our little group are going to Spyder Fest in Springfield the end of April. It sounds like there will be lots to do and see so if you are interested is joining in contact me or John Eubank for more details.

As spring and summer gets closer lets try and get some mystery rides together! The ones last year were a lot of fun. Or if you suddenly find yourself in need of a hamburger from another town call up some members and make a ride out of it, lets get together more this year and bring along a friend that rides but has no club and show them that riding with friends is way better than riding alone.

Ride often and ride safe, Kelly



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PS

Congratulations to Tom & Renee Sawyer, Family of the Year 2016

Watch for an article in the April newsletter

## We meet directly at the restaurant October—March

### Wednesday Dinners

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  
Maize, KS

Mar 30

Shang Hai Restaurant  
3815 E Harry

Apr 6—SOUTH

La Hacienda 316-927-2900  
1138 Nelson Dr, Derby

Apr 13—EAST

Sugar Shanes 316-201-1099  
430 S State St, Augusta

Apr 20—EAST

True Lies 316-320-9255  
607 N Oil Hill Rd, El Dorado

Apr 27—WEST

Carriage Crossing 620-465-3612  
Yoder

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FACEBOOK page: GWTA Region E

### Chapter A Calendar:

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

April 16 Club Day @ MAP 333 N West Street

come on your bike: 9am-4pm

monthly meeting 9am at MAP dealership

### 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.

This is the last of the 5 articles on safe driving and riding.  
First lets go over the 4 previous steps,

- #1 To aim high in steering      #2 Get the big picture.
- #3 To keep your eyes moving      #4 To leave yourself an out.

\* To sum up these four is look far ahead, also keep an eye on what is happening around you and have a escape route if you need it. These are all ways to see what others are doing now you need to make sure they see you, the subject of this last article.

\* The greatest safety feature the bike industry has done is to have the lights come on when you start your bike. It is so much easier to see a light coming at you than just a narrow bike. Some riders have installed the light modulator that cause's the light to go between dim and bright. That dose get other's attention but if you have ever rode ahead of someone with one of these it can be very distracting.

Flashing brake lights also grab others attention when stopping better than just standard brake lights. It is also a good idea when stopping to check your mirror's just to make sure that everyone behind you are stopping also, if they aren't then use your escape route to get out of trouble.

Wearing bright colors will help in making yourself visible. Either safety green or orange or yellow shirts or jackets really stand out add a bright colored helmet makes it just that much better.

Making eye contact with the other driver and making sure they see you is important but I would not count on the hope they did see you. Even if you think you have made eye contact ride as if you didn't.

Use your turn signals every time you turn or change lanes. I often use an hand signal along with the turn signal just to be sure the other drivers see me.

Use all of these steps to made others see you but always ride like they don't know you are there because you never know if the other driver has seen you. The number one reason given in a bike wreck where a car has pulled out in front of a bike or turned in front of one is I didn't see them. I hope these articles have been a help and I know we all have heard most or all of these tips before but it never hurts to be reminded of them.



## Wednesday Dinner Ride

In APRIL, we will start to ride our motorcycles to the Wednesday dinner locations. Depending on the location of the restaurant, we have identified the starting points below:

NORTH: 61st & I-135 at Cracker Barrel

SOUTH: S Meridian & MacArthur at Quik Trip

EAST: 127th & 21st Street at Quik Trip

WEST: 135th & Maple at Dillons (at gas pumps)

## Ground Hog Group Ride

The weather was 50 degrees with some wind out of the north. So off they rode to Lake Afton. For February, the weather was made to order: sunny and nice, but the wind started to pickup and get cold later in the afternoon. There were 7 bikes and one vehicle for the ride. To sum up the ride: Good friends, good ride and good day.

See everyone at the Bike Chili Feb 26-28 at the Coliseum Pavillon.



## CHAPTER A BIKE ROAD TRIP GAME

### **SPELL OUT AIR CAPITAL WINGS**

DATES 3/13/16 – 10/31/16

Starting point will be from your house for the distance ( with no side trips just straight shot to the city).

**YOU CAN TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE USA!**

#### **RULES**

Each letter must be a different city.

Picture of the bike must be in front of any public place with the name of the city on it.

At least some cities must have a Chapter A member or bike rider friend ( could be potential member) in the picture.

A group picture will count for everyone in the picture, so only one picture needs to be sent in.

**PLEASE SEND PICTURES TO EITHER DONNA OR JORJA  
WITH THE STATE NAME IF NOT IN KANSAS**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE**

The most letters completed the farthest away with Chapter A members or Bike riding friend.

If this does not work out

The most letters completed the farthest away.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE**

The most letters completed with Chapter A members or Bike riding friend.

If this does not work out

The most letters completed.

You can only receive one prize either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> .

**ENJOY THE GAME AND HAVE A SAFE AND FUN RIDE.**

Game coordinator, Donna

The Feb meeting of GWTA Chapter A was held at the Calvary Methodist Church Feb 20, 2016 at 6:45pm. Pot luck dinner was held earlier at 6:00pm. In attendance were 18 members. The birthdays this month are Gail Hensley (8), Newt Webber(14), and Barbara McCart (28). Anniversaries are Tom & Renee Sawyer (15), Alan & Sherry Highland (22), and Lonnie & Linda Mendenhall (24). Congrats to everyone!

Ground Hog Ride held Feb 07, 2015 was a trip to Lake Afton. Some members rode while others went by car.

The "CHILL" comes next weekend Feb 26-28, 2016. Director, Kelly states that the vendor and car slots were full. Passes for the weekend are \$20 with Fri OR Sat \$12 each and Sun \$10. Hours will be Fri 12-10, Sat 10-10, Sun 10-4 with our setup at 4pm on THURSDAY.

Remember Sunday is the big sendoff for our troops at Intrust Arena.

Upcoming events:

Mar 19, our March Monthly Meeting to be held at St JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Setup at 5:30pm. Eat at 6:00pm. Thanks to Phil & Nancy for the availability of the church.

April 16, our meeting will be held during MAPS (Mid America Power Sports).Times are 9am thru 4pm. We try to have our meeting right about 9:00am

Apr 28-May 01 is Spyder Fest held in Springfield MO

Jul 11-14 is GOLD RUSH

Newsletter # was Gail & Jorja Hensley. Cathy Frost won the mystery bag and Lonnie Mendenhall won 50/50.

# Need something to do while we wait out the cold weather?

How about reading your motorcycle manual ! Pick a topic, read up and share with others.

OR

If the motorcycle manual has to wait awhile, read the cartoon and have a laugh.



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# March 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Olive Garden 323 N Rock Rd Donna Felix			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			When Pigs Fly 7011 W Central			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Pizza Hut 333 E 47th S			Monthly Mtg St John Episcopal 5:30setup, 6pm eat Potato Bake
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Nancy Amazin Sandwich Maize Nancy Dietrich			
	Janet Eubank	Jorja Hensley			Glenn Bindley	
27	28	29	30	31		
John & Anita McCune			Shang Hai Restaurant 3815 E Harry			

Goldwing Touring  
Chapter A “The Air Capital Wings”  
11304 E Killarney Cir  
Wichita, KS 67206

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