



March 2019 Chapter Newsletter

Oklahoma District, Chapter P
 Our Group Gathers the Second Monday of Each Month
All Are Welcome
 Pizza Hut – 600 Lynn Riggs Blvd – Claremore, OK
 Eat at 6:00PM – Start Meeting at 7:00PM

Upcoming Events

Friday Night Dinner Rides: Meet at the restaurant at 6:15PM – order at 6:30

- Mar 8 - Mia's Italian Grill – 309 US-69 – Pryor 74361
- Mar 15 – Pueblo Viejo Mexican – 5201 S Mill St – Pryor – 74361 (used to be a Chinese restaurant just west of the Walmart)
- Mar 22 – (Note: this is a change from the previous schedule). Oklahoma Joe's BBQ – 19361 Robson Rd. – Catoosa 74015
- Mar 29 - McAlister's – 8529 N 129th E Ave – Owasso 74055
- Apr 5 – Los Tres Hermanos Mexican – 906 W Main – Collinsville 74021
- Apr 12 – J. Farley's Pub – 609 S Brady – Claremore 74017
- Apr 19 – Bread and Butter Kitchen & Bakery – 3837 E 51st – Tulsa 74135
- Apr 26 – Show & Go from Atwood's in Claremore since many of our group will be at Birch Lake.
- May 3 – High Banks Café & Race Track – 3164 Hwy 20 – Pryor 74361
- May 10 – Los Cocos Mexican – 122 W Ferry St – Salina 74365

Day Rides: (Bikes, Trikes, Automobiles or whatever form of transportation that's able to keep up are all welcome)

- Saturday Mar 16 – OK-E is planning a day ride to El Tapatío Mexican – 132 S Ash – Nowata 74048. They will be leaving 61st & 169 in Tulsa at 2:00. OK-P members will plan to intercept them at Pete's Convenience Store on the southwest corner of the intersection of Hwy 88 and Hwy 169 in Oologah at 2:30. We have visited this restaurant previously, and they were really good about accommodating a large group on short notice. However, it would be good to get somewhat of a head count before we arrive. So, if you plan to make the ride, please try to let me know ASAP so I can pass on a head count to OK-E.

(Day Rides continued)

- Saturday Mar 23 – Clanton’s Café – 319 E Illinois Ave. – Vinita 74301. We will be leaving the Atwood’s parking lot at 10:00. Bill Denny will lead the ride to the restaurant – and a more “adventurous” ride back.
- Wednesday Mar 27 – “LADIES RIDE” to The Pink House Tea Room – 121 N Chickasaw – Claremore 74017. Meet at the restaurant at 12:30 for lunch. After that – who knows where you may end up going??? Seating is somewhat limited, so if you plan to go, let Liz know ASAP.
- Sunday Mar 31 – Local Flavor Restaurant – 206 E Franklin St. – Haskell 74436. Bill Denny will be leading the ride there and back. We will leave from Atwood’s parking lot in Claremore at 12:00.

Chapter OK-E (Tulsa) 20th Anniversary

Saturday March 9th at 1:00 – St. James Presbyterian Church – 11970 S Elm St. - Jenks 74037. This year’s theme is Hobo. Drag out that old stuff your spouse has been after you to throw out and dress for the occasion. I’m sure there will be lots of food, games, prizes and conversation to make for an entertaining afternoon.

Chapter K (Ponca City) Anniversary

Saturday March 30th from 11:00 to 2:00 – Eastern Heights Christian Church – 500 Lake Road – Ponca City 74604. Bill Denny is planning a ride there, meeting at the Quick Trip @ US 75 and OK 20. Kick stands up at 9:00AM with a midway pit stop at Casey’s General Store in Pawhuska. Hopefully the weather will be nice enough to take bikes – but come along with the group in any vehicle you want. Their theme is “Chillin’ with Chapter K”. They’ll be serving chili with all the fixing – with lots of fun and games planned as well.

Annual Chapter P Birch Lake Campout (Week of April 21st through April 28th)

We have received notification from campground management that the campground at Birch Lake is going to be closed for maintenance at the time of our planned campout. We understand that this park has suffered some natural disaster damages over the past couple of years. So, it’s a good thing that they are making improvements. Hopefully this will be a much nicer park when completed.

It’s inconvenient for our group though. However, our thoughts currently are to continue with the planned campout dates – just hold it at another park. Chapter Staff is working on this, and we hope to have plans finalized in plenty of time for everyone to make plans and reservations. So, don’t mark a camping trip off your calendar just yet. We’ll keep everyone informed as the details get nailed down.

In Other News

Welcome New OK-P Members – Mark & Linda Classen announced at our Valentine’s Party & Game Night on Feb 16th that they have decided to join our group. As most of you know, Mark recently underwent some major surgery. He tells us everything went well, and he is on the mend.

Tim and Wanda are continuing to recover from their recent surgeries. Glenda recently went in for pacemaker surgery, and we’re told she is recovering well from that.

We had 28 members participate in the Superbowl party, 33 members participate in our February monthly gathering (Rick *earned* possession of “Captain Poultry”), 9 of us visited OK-E’s monthly gathering, 30 participated in our Valentine’s Party & Game Night and 11 members + 3 guests participated in the day ride to the Parrot Grill on Grand Lake. Special thanks to Jean & Beth for

decorations and organizing the games at the Valentine's Party – and to Bill for planning & leading the day ride to Parrot Grill on Grand Lake. And of course, thanks to all members for their active support and participation in OK-P activities.

Don't forget that OK-P is getting involved with the VFW Food Pantry. We ask all members to bring donations of canned or dry foods to our monthly gathering to support Veterans in need. The VFW has been VERY generous with letting us use their facilities for many of our larger group activities. So, let's pay it forward and support this worthy cause.

We've got a lot of fun activities in the planning stages for this year. We are always open to suggestions for new and different activities. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to participate in as many varied activities as possible. So Speak Up - Stay Informed – Stay Involved.



February Monthly Gathering



Super Bowl Party



Super Bowl Party



Valentine's Party & Game Night



Valentine's Party & Game Night



Day Ride to Parrot Grill at Grand Lake



OK-P visit to OK-E's Monthly Gathering



Dinner Ride to El Gavon

Flashback Photo.....

Here's a "Blast from the Past". Who recognizes the people in this photo – where & when was it taken – what was the event?



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Snapshot Calendar

GWRRA Oklahoma Chapter P

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	01	02
03	04 <i>OK-L Monthly Gathering - Lawton</i>	05 <i>OK-G Monthly Gathering - Bartlesville</i>	06	07	08 OK-P Dinner Ride - Mia's Italian Grill - Pryor	09 <i>OK-X Monthly Gathering - Stillwater</i> OK-E Anniversary - Jenks
10	11 OK-P Monthly Gathering - Claremore	12 <i>OK-E Monthly Gathering - Tulsa</i>	13	14 <i>OK-M Monthly Gathering - Muskogee</i>	15 OK-P Dinner Ride - Pueblo Viejo - Pryor	16 <i>OK-K Monthly Gathering - Ponca City</i> OK-P Day Ride with OK-E to El Tapatio - Nowata
17	18	19 <i>OK-N Monthly Gathering - Norman</i>	20	21 <i>OK-J Monthly Gathering - Edmond</i>	22 OK-P Dinner Ride - Oklahoma Joe's BBQ - Catoosa	23 OK-P Day Ride to Clanton's Café - Vinita
24	25	26	27 OK-P Ladies Day Trip to The Pink Lady - Claremore	28 <i>OK-B Monthly Gathering - Shawnee</i>	29 OK-P Dinner Ride - McAlister's Owasso	30 OK-K Anniversary - Ponca City
31 OK-P Day Ride - Local Flavor - Haskell	01	02	03	04	05	06

Chapter P Rider Education



RAMBLING ON FRAGMENTED THOUGHTS

From the OLD GEZZER



Riding season is finally here and everyone is ready to hit the road!! Take another look, you may not be as ready as you think. Do yourself, your passenger and your bike a favor. Give your ride a very close inspection. The thing-ama-jig you fixed or tightened may be the one that saves your bacon. The T-CLOCK INSPECTION check list is a very good guide for a through inspection. Don't just walk around the bike looking from above and say I don't see anything amiss. Put the bike on the center stand or better yet, put it on a lift if available. Then get down on the floor and look up under the bike and listen to your joints crack, moan and pop like a bowl of Rice Crispies. Look for wear and damage to your tires. If they, especially the front tire have started cupping, invest in a new tire as it is only going to get worse quickly. Check the rear drive for leaks and properly lubricant level. Drain and change the lube if it has been a couple of years since the last change. Look for oil leaks around the engine. Unlike some other bikes the Gold Wing doesn't have engine leaks unless it has been damaged. Check the radiator overflow container that is smack on the bottom of the bike. It is in a great position to get a hole punched in from highway debris. If your coolant is low, top it off and then look again for leaks. If it has been 2 or 3 years since your coolant was last changed you may want to change it or have it changed. Check your engine oil and add if necessary. Everyone has there own opinion of how long between oil changes. If you have hit your magic mileage number between changes, go for it. Your bike will love you for it. While you're wallowing around under the machine look for loose hardware, bent components or other damage. Check the brake calipers and lines for signs of leaks. It is a good idea to change brake and clutch fluid every couple of years. Brake fluid is hydroscopic and attracts moisture. If the fluid is dirty (dark color) a change is in order. It's not a difficult task that you can do yourself or take to a shop. Changing brake fluid is a topic for another day. Again, use the T-Clock as a guide to check everything. Time and effort invested at home before a trip to ensure your ride is in good shape will definitely payoff down the road. Much easier and cheaper to fix things now rather than on the road.

Ride Prepared!

A dog thinks: "Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of meTHEY MUST BE GODS!!

A cat thinks: "Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of meI MUST BE A GOD!!

GWRRA - OKLAHOMA RIDER EDUCATION 2019 SCHEDULE

April 27, 2019 – 2 Wheel Trailering Course, Class Room & Range

Class Room – Stillwater, St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Range – Perkins High School

May 25, 2019 Trike Course, Class Room & Range – Ponca City Airport

June 8, 2019 Advance Rider Course (ARC), Class Room & Range

Class Room – Stillwater, St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Range – Perkins High School

July 13, 2019 CPR/FA - Shawnee