

# THE RIDE



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## Director's Comments

"Gazing from my window to the streets below on a freshly fallen silent shroud of snow..." It's beautiful and all that, but I've had enough!! Fortunately for us, Bev arranges biweekly dinner dates that we can drive to. On Valentine's Day, nine of us went bowling in Lawrence. Maurice and I took turns trying to catch Greg and Dave.

Rob dropped in from China to watch and take some pictures. That was the afternoon when there were so many wrecks in Kansas City. I hope everyone made it home okay. The Weather Channel assures me the warm weather is on the way. March usually has some nice riding days so if you get the bike out, send an e-mail to [rides@EKTR.org](mailto:rides@EKTR.org) and turn it into a group ride

We are getting ready for our Fun Run on May 8, 2010. We are pleased to announce that Shawnee Cycle Plaza is going to allow us to host the event in their parking lot. They are having an open house on March 6th to show off their new showroom. We encourage you to drop by and tell them that you're with Eastern Kansas Tour Riders and thank them for their assistance. Come to our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Shawnee Library and get involved in the planning for this event. We made some changes this year. The Fun Run is a couple of weeks later to get nicer weather and at Shawnee Cycle Plaza to attract more motorcyclists. We need full participation for both planning and Fun Run day itself to make it a success. Start collecting door prizes and raffle items. Bring them to the meetings, drop them off at my house, or contact me and I will have someone pick them up. Bill designed the Fun Run flyers and they are available on [www.EKTR.org](http://www.EKTR.org), [Region E Website](http://Region E Website), and soon to be on [www.GWTA.org](http://www.GWTA.org). One is included on page 7. Feel free to print them off and post them everywhere.

We still have Gold Rush raffle tickets. If you need more contact Bob Beck or me. Also, I am putting together an order for shirts with the Ahhhs/Yellow Brick Road logo—let me know if you are interested. I will have an order form and catalog at the March meeting. Remember to check the Region E website (<http://gwta regione.homestead.com/>) for the most recent news around the region. Send your articles for *The Ride* to [editor@ektr.org](mailto:editor@ektr.org) and watch your e-mails for the biweekly dinners.

Our condolences go out to the Helm family on the passing of Brian, Craig's brother.

John

**GWTA KS Chapter B  
Eastern Kansas Tour Riders  
Business Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2010**

Twelve members attended the February meeting. Craig's brother was in the hospital after a severe stroke. (Brian passed away on the following Friday evening). Rob missed again. He sent an e-mail saying he was in China—the Becks used the same excuse last year, enough already)

Upcoming Business Meetings will be on March 8 and April 12 at the Johnson County Library

Our e-mail seems to be working okay now. If you think you may have missed an e-mail check the archive address at [http://EKTR.org/pipermail/rides\\_EKTR.org/](http://EKTR.org/pipermail/rides_EKTR.org/)

**GWTA Business**

Region E Rally Jun 4-6, 2010 Eureka Springs – awards suggestions wanted—poc John English – Staying at the Edelweiss. Kelly had blocked some rooms for us. Mention GWTA or EKTR. Also the Eureka Springs [Blues Festival](#) is the same weekend.

Region E Newsletter – wants to publish bios – member of month kind of thing

GOLD RUSH XXIII, Billings, Montana, July 19-22, 2010—we need someone to be the poc for planning and coordinating. The Regional Director plans on leaving Texarkana on July 11 and asked if we might be interest in joining up with their group somewhere.

Raffle tickets \$1, we have 300 tickets. Prizes \$10,000; Sportster; NT700V – drawing 7/22 in Indianapolis – pick up Sportster in Billings, Honda in Indianapolis

GWTA funding; membership program etc. John passed around flyers on each of these

Hands of Friendship program

Campaign 31

Restructuring for the Future

**EKTR**

Valentines Day Bowling – poc Aiken—1PM 9<sup>th</sup> and Iowa, we will make it a family affair.

**EKTR Fun Run May 8**

Bev and John reported that Shawnee Cycle would be pleased to host us. They are having a grand opening on March 6<sup>th</sup> and suggested we might want to put up a table. They would like to get involved with us, maybe come to a meeting. After discussion of other possibilities we decided that Shawnee Cycle will be the place this year. Bill will make the flyers again this year and Cheryl will set up the route.

April 16-17-18 Talemnia Trail with GWRRA – poc Dave Aiken

Thunder on the Smokies May 15 Ride to Marquette – poc John English

Wing Ding Jun 30 Jul 3 – poc Dave Aiken

Treasurer—Bob Beck \$468+

One winter morning during breakfast a husband and wife in northern Minnesota were listening to the radio. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." So the good wife went out and moved her car.

One week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The following week at breakfast, the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park..." Suddenly the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset and, with a worried look on her face, she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do! Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?" With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Dinner Night	4	5	6  Elaine Reiter
7	8 Business Mtg *JOCO Library @ 7:00 P	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  Dinner Night	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  Reba McEntire	29	30	31 Dinner Night			

**\*Note:** The meeting this month will be at the Shawnee Library on Johnson Drive just West of Plumm.

**DINNER NIGHTS - Watch you email for the meeting places for these dinners in February.**

- March 3            Backfire BAR B QUE at the Legends
- March 17            open for now
- March 31            Waxy OShays

The time is fast coming that we will need to sign up for dinner rides. Be thinking about where you would like to lead a ride and GO FOR IT.

Please call or email your suggestion for Dinner Nights to Bev. (see column on the left of page 1 for phone number and email address).

*How I learned to mind my own business.*

I was walking past the mental hospital the other day, and all the patients were shouting.....'13....13....13.'

The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked through to see what was going on.....

Somebody poked me in the eye with a stick!

Then they all started shouting.....'14....14....14'...

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND RIDES FOR 2010

- Mar 08 Business Meeting
- Apr 03 Weekly Dinner Rides Start  
12 Business Meeting  
17-19 [Talimena Trail](#)ride
- May 01 CMA Run for the Son  
02 Bikers with a Mission [City Union Mission](#) ride  
08 EKTR Fun Run  
10 Business Meeting  
15 Thunder on the Smoky - poc John English  
21 - 22 Eureka Springs Blues Festival
- Jun 04-06 GWTA Region E Rally, Eureka Springs, AR - poc John English  
12-13 Hutchinson KS [Salt Mine](#), [Cosmosphere](#)  
14 Business Meeting  
19-20 Cave Man BBQ  
25-27 [Bonne Terre Lead Mine](#)  
30 GWTA Kansas Campout  
30 - July 3 [Wing Ding](#) Des Moines IA - poc Dave Aiken
- Jul 12 Business Meeting  
19-22 [Gold Rush](#) Billings MT  
25 [Ride for Kids](#)
- Aug 01-08 National Bikers Roundup, Columbia MO  
09 Business Meeting  
09-15 [Bike Week](#), Sturgis SD  
14 [T-Bones](#) game
- Sep 13 Business Meeting  
19 Bikers for Babies, Kansas Speedway  
24-27 Colorado Ride  
29- Oct 02 [Bikes Blues BBQ](#), Fayetteville AR
- Oct 03 Chapter L Fall Color ride, Leavenworth  
08-10 Colorama, Harrison AR  
16-17 EKTR Fall Color Ride, Nebraska City  
23 RA KS B Color Ride  
27 Last Dinner ride of the season
- Nov 08 Business Meeting
- Dec 03 Bottle Auction  
11 2011 Planning Meeting

### Did you Know!

**Learn about our great state and maybe plan a ride to one or more of these sites this year.**

**Invite some friends to go with you.**

South of Ashland the Rock Island Bridge is the longest railroad bridge of its kind. It measures 1,200 feet long and is 100 feet above the Cimarron River.

At one time it was against the law to serve ice cream on cherry pie in Kansas. (I need to check this out further)

The first woman mayor in the United States was Susan Madora Salter. She was elected to office in Argonia in 1887.

The first black woman to win an Academy Award was Kansan Hattie McDaniel. She won the award for her role in "Gone with the Wind".

Almon Stowger of El Dorado invented the dial telephone in 1889.

## The Ride

This article is reprinted with permission from Jim Tadlock.

Jim did a great overview of dinner rides for the GWRRA group and I thought it was worth reprinting with some minor modifications in our newsletter. They are good guidelines and hopefully will encourage everyone to lead at least one ride this season. - Bev.

### - The ride must go on!

If you volunteer to lead a ride and can't make it, simply call me (816-589-8762) and we will cover for you; No one knows what their schedules will bring so you have to plan to have fun and then at the last minute...if you have to work or something else comes up, you're covered!

Please, ***only the Dinner ride coordinator or Chapter Director can cancel the ride***, this is to provide consistency so we all know what to expect. So unless you hear from one of us, the ride is ON...it might be - ON 4 WHEELS, but it will be on.

### - Weather

We all have our own limitations regarding the weather.

**Rain:** 50% or less, 2 wheels, greater than that 4 wheels; I typically don't leave the house in the rain on two wheels when the prediction is greater than 50%

**Snow & Ice:** 4 wheels

**Temperature:** 40 - 95 predicted low or high, 2 wheels, otherwise I \*might\* be on 4 where there is a heater and/or air conditioner!

***If it ain't comfortable, I ain't ridin'!***

### - The Place

You choose, we don't care.

### - Time of Departure

**Kickstands are up at 6:30 for 2 wheel dinner rides leaving the Sears Grand Parking lot.**

If you are not on two wheels, you can meet at the restaurant at the time of the meal (7:30 pm).

### - Preparation Needed

First, please remember that your friends are willing to follow you happily to your place of choice. We enjoy the ride, the chatter on the CB, the food, the fellowship and getting to know more about you. So don't worry too much if everything is not "perfect".

We were on a ride once and the ride was great, but we came up behind a truck painting stripes on the road; the ride leader was upset because he had all these people behind him, but he was the ONLY one upset, the rest of us just took it in stride and rode merrily along. One guy still has yellow paint spots on his bike which reminds him of the fun ride we had.

I've been leading a ride to dinner and was not exactly sure where I was going and wound up on the wrong road and had to turn around, TWICE. I took a good ribbing for that you can be sure. They called me U-Turn for a few months, but it was all in fun, the next time I took the group out, I deliberately made a U-turn and I guess they are still laughing about it.

***So don't sweat the small stuff.***

### Leaders of the Ahh's Tours

At the February business meeting, Bev and John received the "7 Tours" bar for having completed their 7th Land of Ahhh's Tour. Congratulations guys!

### Dinner Rides

There were 14 in attendance for the delicious servings at the Dragon Inn on February 3rd. On February 17th, there were 13 Diners at Tina Marie's for an exciting evening of guessing (from the choices on the menu) what was still available. Although several of us were disappointed that the items on the menu were not available and had to be substituted, we appreciate that they stayed open for us and tolerated our rowdiness.

### High Mileage Award

We were fortunate to catch Rob, between China and Jersey, long enough to present him with his high mileage award (30,506 miles during the last riding season). Great job Rob!

### Valentine's Day Bowl

On Valentine's Day, nine hardy souls traveled through snow showers to the bowling alley in Lawrence to battle it out on the lanes. After a fun two hours, many of us headed for the doughnut shop across the street to refuel.



### Be Careful What You Advertise

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, 'I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him.' I noticed the **'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker**, the **'Choose Life' license plate holder**, the **'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker**, and the **chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk**, naturally... I assumed you had stolen the car.' Priceless.

# CHARITY FUN RUN

**\$100 CASH PRIZE for best score!**

**ALL BIKES WELCOME**

This year's proceeds will benefit  
The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's  
**RIDE FOR KIDS**

Help us help more people this year.

## Shawnee Cycle Plaza

13020 Shawnee Mission Parkway  
**Shawnee, KS**

Map and score sheet, \$10 per person.

**Saturday**

**May 8, 2010**

***RAIN OR SHINE!***

Registration begins at 9:30

Last person out by 10:30

Last person in by 1:30

## All Kansas scenic route

Players score points at each stop playing games. Bonus games available.  
Highest total score at the end wins!

**Games**

**Raffle**

For info, email or

Call John

**Door Prizes**

**50/50 Drawing**

913-871-1489

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**Lunch available**

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