



Platte Valley Riders

Director's Dialogue

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Happy New Year to everyone! Here's to making 2012 your best year ever. I know I'm looking forward to putting new bugs on my chaps and helmet.

We had our Jan. 1 get together at Prime Cut this year. A total of 16 people attended, which is a pretty good turn out. Alfreda Claver won the \$11 50/50 and John won the \$10 50/50. Congratulations to both of them. The Chapter pocketed \$20. Phil won the digital tire gauge door prize but deferred to give someone else a chance. Second time around Rosa Devier won it. A small purse was also offered as a woman's prize and it was won by Alfreda, as well. I hope she bought a Lotto ticket that day. The high mileage of the year will be announce at the Jan. 15 get together after everyone sends Phil their ending mileage. Remember: you can add up all your bikes to get your ending mileage. Phil announced that the Chapter will be giving the High Mileage winner a traveling plaque that will have their name on it.

We were pleased to have long time but seldom seen Chapter member Kevin Sandberg at our New Year's Day get together. Hope to see more of you in the coming year, Kevin.

This month's 6pm Supper Rides will be as follows:

Jan. 12 : Tea Garden, SCB/Gering Highway

Jan. 26 : Ole' Mexican restaurant

And the monthly get together will be on Jan. 15 at the Prime Cut at 1pm. Since the Whistle Stop has closed future monthly get togethers will be held at Prime Cut.

As the new year begins, Jennie and I will be looking in to seminars to present to you in late winter or early spring. I also sent an email to Joe Blankenship about providing us with an ERC this spring. I haven't heard back yet but it's only been a few days. As I've mentioned before, I will be checking in to the possibility of having a bike show at the mall or somewhere this spring. We need to bring in some new members and I'm hoping a bike show will help in that regard.

Finally, looking back in time, Tom and I went to Cheyenne for the Chapter B Christmas party Dec. 17. We had a good time, as we always do with those folks, and we'll be sure to invite them to our Birthday Party this spring. We'll need to get our heads together and plan this event soon.

Time is getting close for the Cabin Fever weekend in Fremont. We'll be leaving Feb. 17 returning on the 19th. Last year was my first and I'll guarantee you that it will be a good time. So far I believe the Knode's, Oliver's and Hodges' are planning to go. Contact me for more information.

Steve Knode

View from the Saddle

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Tailgunner's Thoughts... by Steve & Amy Hodges, Assistant Directors, Chapter W

Since we were in Iowa for the New Year's Get-Together, please accept our personal "Happy New Years!" greetings. Sounds like a good turn-out and, as usual, fun was had by all present. Sorry we missed it!!

It's hard to be at this point in the year and not start having thoughts (dreams) about getting back on the open road on two/three wheels. We already know of some certain trips, such as Cabin Fever in Fremont, District Convention in Rapid City again, the Natural Bridge ride, and the Wyoming District Convention, and the yet to be finalized West Coast Trip. What remains to be seen is WHO we'll meet on those adventures, WHAT (fun) we'll have that's new and different, and HOW we'll learn and grow as a result of our experiences. That's what makes us do it all over again year after year, and WE ARE READY to ride in 2012. Hope you are, too.

As we head into the new year, we all need to be keeping our eyes open for new members. As noted in prior communications, GWRRA is sponsoring a "new member" competition, and that should help us get motivated to look for new members for Chapter W. We are looking at the potential helping start a new chapter in North Platte or Broken Bow, so if you have any acquaintances in those communities, seek out contact info for Wing owners who we can get in touch with. Let's all commit to seeking those new members and get them in on the fun!

As I write this the weather forecast is on TV, and it may be we'll need to get out on the Wing tomorrow night as it's predicted to be in the upper 50's. Hope to see you out on the road... soon!

Til later, RIDE SAFE and HAVE FUN!!!

Steve & Amy

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Ride Coordinator

From Phil Kelly to Ride Coordinator

Well --2011 finished out another great year of riding adventures for members of our club. From all the reports I have received during the year, it is obvious we covered quite a few states and many of us were able to see parts of the country for the first time.

Reports from Steve and Amy Hodges are that they were able to hit the tip of Florida and come back along the Gulf States before heading back through an "oven" in Texas and

Oklahoma on their way to and from Wing Ding. Steve and Amy were able to get together with their son during part of the trip. They set a record for riding in hot weather of 109 degrees.

Steve and Jennie Knode also got a touch of the “oven” going through Oklahoma on the way to Wing Ding where they met up with Steve’s brother and wife.

My trip to Wing Ding involved two of the most memorable events. One occurred at the Knoxville Zoo on the first night when I was standing by the elephant enclosure. I had a red Nebraska hat but the elephant obviously identified me as a lawyer because at one point in time he picked up some elephant dung and flung it at me from 30 feet away. Don’t worry ---- good news ---- he missed. The second part of the trip I really enjoyed was the 610 mile day that took me up through Cleveland, Ohio and across Indiana into Illinois. There were several days of riding with no wind that really made parts of the trip enjoyable.

I am sure everyone has their memories of special trips they made in 2011. I am sure we are all motivated to look forward to different highways and states for 2012.

The following are the results of the 2011 mileage reports:

Phil Kelly	10,301
Steve Knode	10,100
John Oliver	5,180
Steve McClean	7,546
Ron Divier	4,900
Tom Casselman	2,917
Tom Dredla	1,500
Steve Hodges	7,614

Hopefully by the time we have our next monthly get together, the annual mileage trophy will be ready. I ordered it two weeks ago and was told it would be here by January 1. I have not seen it, so I will make sure we have it for our January 2012 meeting. Steve Knode gets the credit for the suggestion of having a traveling trophy.

The annual award for most miles on a machine went to John Oliver with 132,180 miles. He received a special container of Monkey Butt Powder for use on those hot and sticky days.

At the annual New Year’s Day get together, I was able to model my new pair of boxer shorts with a triker emblem I received from Brother Ben. I know that many of you would like to have a pair of boxer shorts with your motorcycle emblazoned on them, so if you need the source, let me know and I will be glad to pass the information to you. Ha Ha



**Phil Kelly modeling his new boxer shorts
(is there anything this guy won't do)**

We had a good turnout for the January 1st annual luncheon. Three brave souls even rode their machines. See picture below. I was personally happy that the ride from home to the luncheon was short because it only got up to 36 degrees.



John Oliver, Phil Kelly and Kevin Sandberg rode their machines to the New Year's Day get together.

July West Coast Trip. There has been continuing discussion about the planned trip to the West Coast in July. Right now several riders will be leaving Scottsbluff on Saturday, June 30. We are heading north into Montana and hopefully into Canada with the goal of arriving in Vancouver/Seattle on July 3. Depending upon the way we go, the trip out will be between 1300 and 1500 miles. Phil will be meeting with some family on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The group will get back together on Friday morning, July 6th and head home with a tentative goal of heading south down the Pacific coast, possibly as far as California and then heading back home. We may get back sometime on the 11th or 12th of July. Everyone is invited so try to get your vacation scheduled. If you cannot participate in the entire trip you are welcome for any part of the trip. Don't forget the option of traveling straight west and meeting us on the way back. It should be a great adventure with lots of new highways and scenery.



Editors Notes

Happy New Years!! Hope everyone has a great New Year.

We are looking forward to spending lots of time on the wing this year. Our big trip will probably be to the west either north or south, not sure yet depending on time.

As you most have heard I am leaving my job of 12 years to explore other avenues!! So time will tell how much time I have this summer.

Hey Ladies do not miss out on the 1st jewelry or project party for this year!! It is a 7:00 pm at Sheri Oliver's house!! Hope to see you all there!!

Til next time live, love, laugh, and ride safe!!

Sheryl

Upcoming Events

We meet at 6:00 PM

Jan. 12 : Tea Garden, SCB/Gering Highway
Jan. 26 : Ole' Mexican restaurant

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