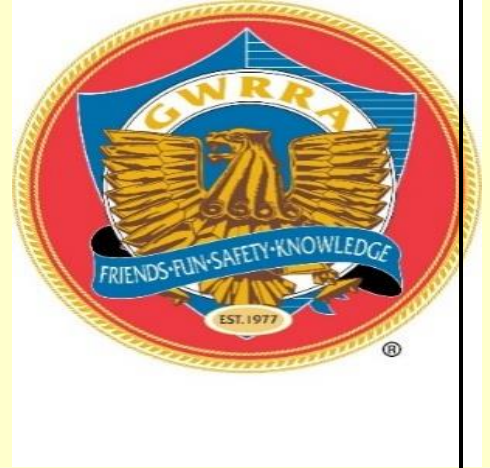


Catch the *Spirit...* of Chapter E



May 2020

# Chapter E

## Tulsa Oklahoma

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**At this time, no Gathering is planned for May 2020, hopefully we can have a successful Zoom Meeting**



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| Ronnie Asbill    | 5/1  |
| Tommy Cody       | 5/6  |
| Linda Frazier    | 5/10 |
| Ken Frazier      | 5/12 |
| Lloyd Miller     | 5/17 |
| Charles Thornton | 5/26 |

Richard and Kathy Oakes 5/17



## OPEN CHAPTER POSITIONS FOR 2020-2021

The following positions opened up January 1. Training available.

Chapter Director for Year 2021-2022

Assistant Chapter Director

Membership Enhancement Coordinator

*If you are interested in any of these positions, or would like more information on any position, please contact me at [Kathyjinks@outlook.com](mailto:Kathyjinks@outlook.com)*

### *Riders Education Levels Program*

***Any GWRRA member that is involved in the Riders Education Program that members participating in the Levels Program who have expired or will expire on or after January 1, 2020 are granted a grace period that has been expended until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 allowing time for members to take part in one or more of the on-line courses or classes to bring their level up to date.***

**WING DING 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR**

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Hello Chapter E

I hope everyone is well and staying home to combat this Covet-19 virus. Not much to talk about now, since we are all trying to do our part in staying at home and fight the virus. May 1<sup>st</sup> a lot of things are going to open up, but I feel if we wait until June to have our gathering, everyone would be much safer. We can see about having a Zoom Gathering. Be on the look-out for the Zoom invitation. Don Ferry has made us a May riding schedule and the calendar should be already out. We did take a short bike trip a couple days ago to take pictures for the courthouse tour. Five of us all took off being careful to practice our safe distance from each other. We did not linger much to talk and visit, just riding. It was such a great feeling to get out of the house and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. I only recommend this if you are in good health, we do not want to add more to your problems. One day we will all be able to meet and ride together. Stay safe.

Kathy





## OK-E PHOTO GALLERY

### Courthouse Photos



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**Okemah OK**



**McAlester OK**

## A Welcome Addition from Gary Snider

The other day I was watching PBS and they were announcing an up-coming program about a group of bicyclists get ready to ride from Georgia to Oklahoma. They were going to follow the “Trail of Tears” route.

As it came time for the program, I was in the garage doing some things, so, turn on the TV to watch the program. While waiting for the program to start, I was thinking that why not set up my stationary bike and ride along with them. So, I run into the kitchen, grab my water bottle filling it with Gator-Aid and a couple of power bars, I headed back to the garage.

The ride started and I started to peddle my stationary bike the same pace as those on the screen. I had a speedometer on my bike, which gave me my speed and mileage. In a short time, they were going up an incline. Due to my COPD, not riding this bike but once or twice a year, I had to come to a stop. As I set there watch them go out of sign over the hill, I look down to see I had made it just under a mile. I was heartbroken that I was not going to make the full ride.

I got off the stationary bike and looked around., There was my answer to completing the ride. I grab my water bottle and open the garage door. There set my Honda Goldwing Motorcycle on the center stand so the back wheel was off the floor. I got on and turn on the key. Great, I had a full tank of gas, so I started up and put it in gear and off we went. It didn't take long to catch up with them. As we pass though Alabama, Tennessee and Arkansas, I was hanging in there with the best of them. Who say that a 78-year-old can't keep up with those young people?

Up ahead was the sign, Welcome to Oklahoma!!!! Was I looking forward to getting to Tahlequah and the end of the ride. Before turning off the bike, I check my gas gage to find out that I had use very little gas, this was the best gas mileage I have every got with this bike.

I see they only had awards for no one other than those on bicycles. I was tired, so I turn off the TV, closed the garage door and headed to the kitchen for something cool to drink and a sandwich. I well have to think hard about doing that “Tour de France” ride. I should sleep well tonight.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!! Gary  
4/2020



# DON'T FORGET YOUR T-CLOCK INSPECTION

## T-CLOCK Safety Inspection Checklist

The T-CLOCK inspection checklist was devised by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation for inspecting your motorcycle to make sure there aren't any equipment or mechanical hazards. T-CLOCK stands for **tires & wheels, controls, lights & electrics, oil & fluids, chassis, and kickstand**. Budget adequate time to perform this inspection before you start riding. Alternatively, you can also conduct this inspection after riding your bike.

### Tires & Wheels

Before hitting the road on your bike, be sure to check that your tire pressure is within safe parameters along with the condition of your tire's tread. You should also look for unusual holes, cuts, or punctures from sharp, foreign objects.

Inspect your wheels to see if your spokes are firm and intact, your rims are in proper position, the condition of the bearing seals are okay, and the ability for the wheel to spin freely.

### Controls

Inspect your levers regarding the condition of your pivot bolt, if pivots are properly lubricated, and whether the action and position are correct. Check cables to determine that their ends and shafts are properly lubricated, signs of fraying, and no kinks or binding when turning your handlebars. Inspect your bike's hoses for any leaks and damage and make sure they connect to the proper terminals. Last but not least, check your throttle to ensure that it isn't too loose and that it freely snaps closed when released.

### Lights & Electrical

Check to see if your brake and taillights are functioning properly. Switch on your headlights to see if they are angled correctly and their brightness level to determine whether they need replacement. Inspect your battery for adequate charge and to ensure that it is secured tightly. Check for any loose, frayed, pinched or corroded electrical wiring from the battery.

### Oils & Fluids

Check fluid levels for your fuel, oil, brakes, transmission, coolant, and final drive. Make sure there aren't any fluid or oil leaks. Furthermore, you should inspect the color of your fluids to make sure there isn't any grime, carbonation, or contaminants that could interfere with the safe operation of your bike's essential systems.

### Chassis

Inspect your bike's chassis for signs of wear and tear – and possibly cracks in your chassis – such as peeling or lifting in the paint along with damaged, loose, or missing fasteners, clips, and pins. You should also check your bike's chain or belt for proper tension and lubrication. Examine your bike's suspension system for smooth motion and proper adjustment.

You should also check the bearings for your bike's steering head and swingarm: While the front wheel is off the floor, pull and push the lower fork legs to see if they are loose. Do the same thing for the rear wheel while it is off the ground.

### Kickstand

Inspect your motorcycle's kickstand to see if it retracts properly. Examine it for warping or other damage. If your sidestand or centerstand is loose when retracted, check the cut-out switch and springs for damage or wear.

## District OK Ride Coordinator News

Don and Pam Ferry



## OK-E

Chapter E is keeping in touch with our membership by having our first Social Distancing Courthouse Tour Ride. Five brave souls faced the unknown as we all rode together, stopped to take pictures with the listed courthouses. We had lunch at Sonic, where everyone stayed on their own bike, in their own stall and communicated thru CB radio. We traveled over 250 miles during the day. Social Distancing was probably the reason we were able to travel the distance in 5 hours. Zoom meetings, Facebook, E-mails, and personnel phone calls checking on each other seems to be working for us.

## WING DING 42

Hello team,

We just got the sad news that GWRRA Wing Ding 42 has been cancelled due to ongoing spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). As we have stated from the very beginning of March, we have encouraged all GWRRA members to follow the recommendations of the CDC. The safety of all of our members must come first. Please send out the following email to all of our membership. It might be good to place the following in your newsletter and webpage. Updates will follow.

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