



September 2020 Chapter OK-P Newsletter



In the early hours of August 26th, we received word that our dear friend and anchor Member Robin Greninger had passed away. Though she had been fighting illness for some time, it appeared she was making progress towards recovery. Needless to say, it was an extreme shock to hear of her passing.

Robin was always up for a Chapter get together. Always had a “funny” to tell at the Monthly Chapter Gathering (some more blush worthy than others). “Chapter Momma” at Crock Pot for 25 years – making sure everyone was accommodated. Planned and coordinated with Rick our Annual Fall Foliage Rides. She and Rick were Oklahoma District Directors through many of GWRRA’s most active years. Most recently she served as Chapter P Membership Enhancement Coordinator. Over prior years she and Rick also served as Chapter Directors and Chapter Couple – and were outstanding ambassadors throughout the GWRRA organization.

Everyone has a “Robin Story”. She had that big an impact on all of us. So, while she will be missed dearly, and our hearts are broken – we will all have those great memories of the times we had together. And no one is really gone as long as they are remembered. Keep her, Rick and family in your thoughts and prayers as we get through this together.

A Memorial Visitation for Robin will be held September 2nd between 4:00 and 6:00 PM at Moore’s Southlawn. 9350 East 51st, Tulsa 74145 (Ph. 918-663-2233).

Upcoming Chapter Events and News

Friday Dinner Rides:

The following Friday Dinner Rides have been planned through September and October. We will meet at the restaurants at 2:00pm to avoid the lunch / dinner crowds.

Note: There has been a recent up-tick in reported virus cases in the State. There is some government consideration of mandatory masking and perhaps limitations on inside dining. So, these are all tentative plans. Follow e-mails and GroupWorks for current information.

Sept. 4 – Main Street Tavern – 116 N. Missouri Ave. – Claremore 74017
(Ph 918-283-4464)

Sept. 11 – I Don’t Care Grill – 11015 E. 590 Rd – Catoosa 74015 (Ph 918-266-4000)

Sept. 18 – La Mansion Mexican – 2400 OK-66 – Catoosa 74015 (Ph 918-266-8830)

Sept. 25 – Brown Bag Lunch at Claremore Lake – E. Blue Starr Dr. 74017
(Ph 918-341-1325 ext. 805)

Oct. 2 – This will be a Show & Go since many Members will be camping at Heyburn Lake. But we may have a group lunch at D’s Specialty in Stroud. More information on this as the date gets closer.

Oct. 9 – Smitty’s Garage – 13303 E. 96th St North – Owasso 74055
(Ph 918-376-6121)

Oct. 16 – Silver Dollar Café – 1022 W. Main – Collinsville 74021 (Ph 918-371-0599)

Oct. 23 - Apple Barrel – 14002 E. 116th St. N. – Owasso 74055 (Ph 918-553-6197)

Oct. 30 - J. Farley’s Pub – 609 S. Brady St. – Claremore 74017 (Ph 918-923-6130)

Other Planned Activities

Aug. 29 – ***(This event was postponed to a later date)*** Chapter Appreciation Gathering @ Bill & Pam Denny's Community Clubhouse. Buffalo Shores Recreation Club – 1628 Pine Dr – Grove 74344.

Sept. 5 – Chapter E Tulsa Annual Bug Gut Run from Tulsa to Stillwater. Details are posted on OK-E's GroupWorks site.

Sept. 12 – District Trike Riders Course @ Ponca City Airport.

Sept. 26 – District Road Captain Seminar. Will be held at the VFW in Claremore @ 10:00. Contact District Ride Coordinator Don Ferry or see the posting on the OK District GroupWorks site.

Sept. 27 to Oct. 3 – Chapter P Campout at Heyburn Lake. See details at OK-P GroupWorks site.

Other Proposed/Pending Activities for September & October

It is still uncertain if the Pizza Hut will have their meeting room open to group gatherings in September. Therefore, we will not have an in-person Monthly Gathering in September. We will set up a Zoom Video Gathering for Sept. 14 at 7pm though.

Also, the regularly scheduled September Staff/Planning Meeting date will occur during the Heyburn Lake Campout. Of course, if a planning meeting is needed, we can always work in a Zoom Video.

Due to a number of circumstances, our Annual Fall Foliage outing will be canceled for this year – at least in the traditional sense. But we have planned the Heyburn Lake Campout for the end of September to first of October. Also, Bill Denny brought up the idea of a day trip to Katfish Kitchen in Tahlequah. Perhaps we could expand that to a full day event in October where we could plan a scenic ride around that area.

Bill had also planned a day trip to the Tulsa Aquarium earlier in the year – but had to cancel due to the virus outbreak. He will check with the Aquarium to see if another outing could be planned sometime in September.

Chapter P ended up having a pretty active month in August. Beginning with Bill Denny's 18th Annual Full Moon Ride, where we had 19 Members and 5 Guests participate. Our Anniversary had to be abbreviated due to virus concerns. None the less we had 34 Members and 2 Guests participate. Everyone "Brown Bagged" their own meal, and the Chapter provided drinks & deserts. As usual, a number of games broke out. So while it was a non-traditional Anniversary, a good time was still had by all. We had two Friday Dinner Rides – attended by 10 Members each. We put the Zoom Video conferencing service to good use with a Chapter Monthly Gathering & Staff/Planning Meeting – participation in District & OK-E Video meetings and attendance at 3 GWRRA University Video Seminars. All in all, 46 OK-P Members participated in these various video gatherings.

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