

## January 2021 Chapter OK-P Newsletter

**Due to an uptick with COVID 19 Virus concerns, all indoor in person Chapter Activities are tentative. Watch E-Mail and GroupWorks for updates.**

It is with mixed emotions that we are informing all in Chapter P that our Charter Members and 2020 Chapter Couple have moved. Dick and Anna May Brown have moved to be closer to family in Indiana. Dick and Anna May have been invaluable Members of Chapter P from the start. Active in all levels of Chapter Leadership, always active participants and always there to lend a hand in supporting Chapter activities. While we will certainly miss seeing them when we have get together, they will always be considered Active Members of Chapter P.



So Dick and Anna May - best wishes, God bless and enjoy the new adventures that lay before you. Keep watching e-mails, GroupWorks and Newsletters to keep up with Chapter happenings. Let us hear from time to time about what's going on in your lives. And know you always, ALWAYS have friends back in Oklahoma.

### **The Month of December 2020 in Review**

Well, the COVID virus came back with a vengeance around the State in mid-November. And in the interest of the health and safety of OK-P Members, we decided to cancel all of our indoor, in-person gatherings for the Month of December. A tough blow – but it didn't knock us down. While we had to deviate a bit from tradition – we still managed to stay connected and have some fun as a GWRRA Chapter.

The biggest disappointment was having to cancel our traditional Chapter P Christmas Party. But a couple of traditions associated with the Christmas Party that we couldn't let go are the charitable contributions the Chapter makes every year. So, we opted to do a "Drive-By" Christmas Party in the parking lot of the VFW in Claremore.

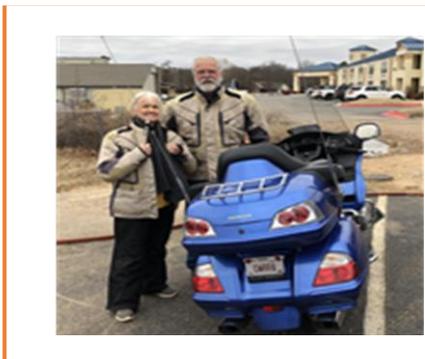
Through the very generous contributions of OK-P Members, we collected a huge amount of food for the VFW Food Pantry. In fact, came close to doubling the stocks they had on hand. We also collected a \$700 cash donation (\$100 from Chapter funds & \$600 from individual Members) for the Blue Star Mothers. We hear that charitable donations are down due to the virus thing – so we feel privileged and blessed to have been able to contribute to such worthy causes.

We had some fun too. It was a pretty day, so we were able to set up camp chairs and visit with one another outside. Passed around Christmas cards, small gifts and munched on some goodies some of the folks brought along. Had a couple of gift card drawings and a jelly bean jar guess game too. 25 altogether showed up – even a couple bikes made it.

Though we had to cancel our traditional in-person Monthly Gathering, we did hold our first ever Christmas Outfit Fashion Show Zoom meeting. Folks dressed up in Christmas attire and showed off some of their Christmas decorations. We also brought back our Virtual Friday Dinner Rides – and have shared (see GroupWorks posts) favorite recipes and shared photos of Christmas Decorations and Crafts among the group.



***OK-P Drive By Christmas Party***



**Chapter Ride Coordinators:**

This year I plan to have two “rides” every month. Some will be to eat, some to a point of interest (to some at least), some just a nice ride around Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri. I’ll try to have weekend rides as well a weekday rides. Some may start with breakfast come summer, some will be in the afternoon. I know not

everyone in the Chapter still rides a motorcycle, so that will be taken into consideration. I want everyone who wants to join the group to feel invited.

If you have a place you want to suggest we visit, PLEASE let me know. I plan to keep the distance out of Claremore to 100 miles max, no passport necessary. There is a lot to see in that circle. Hope to see everyone one as often as possible joining us.

*Bill and Pam Denny, Your Chapter P Ride Coordinators*

### **Membership Enhancement Coordinators (MEC):**

We are still dealing with a surge of the COVID Virus. Therefore, the ability to have indoor, in-person gatherings is still in question. That said though, tentative plans have been made. We will just have to assess the ability and willingness to participate prior to the event. So watch e-mails and GroupWorks for the most current information.

- The New Year's Day Polar Bear Ride has been postponed to Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. It will still be at the Katfish Kitchen in Tahlequah – 12 Noon – ride to follow lunch. There are no alternate plans for a Dinner Ride on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Ride to El Banquet, Claremore
- Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Chapter P Monthly Gathering. In person or Zoom Call to be determined.
- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Ride to Mia's Italian, Pryor
- Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dinner Ride to Lilly's Café, Catoosa
- Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Chapter P Staff Meeting. In person or Zoom Call to be determined.
- Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Ride to I Don't Care Grill, Catoosa

We always invite suggestions for group activities. If it interests you, it's likely of interest to others too. So don't keep it to yourselves – let us know.

*Chris & Liz Nicholas, Your Chapter P MEC's*

### **Chapter Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

#### Birthdays

- Gary Berry 3rd
- Glenda Tucker 6th
- Larry Jensen 7th
- Eddie Rose 14th
- Dan Forst 21st
- Bobby Hale 25th Christmas baby

#### Anniversaries

- Dave and Cheryl Ward 1st
- Dave and Wanda Jones 13th

*Sue Fern, Your Chapter P Hospitality Coordinator*

## **CHAPTER P SKILLS ENHANCEMENT COORDINATOR - NEWS FOR JANUARY 2021**

Members participating in the Rider Education Levels Program have been granted a grace period ending July 2021 to get their level requirements up to date. If you became out of date for your Level during 2020 you have until July 2021 to update your levels requirements without being delinquent. If you were already delinquent before Jan. 1, 2020 you are still delinquent and not covered by the Grace Period. If you have any questions about your Level Status, please let me know. You can check your Rider Ed Level status on the GWRRA Website. If you need help checking your level status let me know.

Max Rowlett, District Rider Educator has scheduled an Advance Rider Course (ARC) for March 13, 2021. The course will be in Ponca City at the airport. A flyer with course information and a registration form are attached. They are also located on Group Works under the OK District Tab. The course is limited to 12 Bikes (2 wheel only) so, get your registration sent to Max as soon as possible. It has been a while since an ARC was held in Oklahoma. Several members have taken advantage of the OHP Rider Course which is very good. However, it is considered by GWRRA as a range only class and must be followed by classroom and range course to renew your levels date. There is also an option to complete and online course to meet the classroom requirement. If you need more information let me know.

Several of us will become out of date for CPR and First Aid January 29, 2021. I will be getting a CPR and First Aid Class scheduled as soon as practical considering the COVID-19 Virus situation. The Oklahoma District GWRRA has four mannequins. During the pandemic class sizes are limited to four individuals or four husbands and wife teams if they agree to share a mannequin. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in a CPR and First Aid Class. I will get enough class scheduled to cover everyone. Keeping up to date with CPR and First Aid Training is very important even if you no longer ride. You never know when the skills you learn in the CPR\FA training may help you save a life.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please let me know. Stay safe and healthy!

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Catch the Spirit...



*Oklahoma District  
Bike  
Advanced Rider Course*



**MARCH 13, 2021  
PONCA CITY AIRPORT 8AM-3PM PONCA CITY,  
OK**

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**HURRY: ONLY 12 SLOTS**



**GWRRA Rider Education**  
**Rider Course Registration Form**  
**Advanced Rider Course**  
**March 13, 2021**



**COURSE INFORMATION:** An Advanced Rider Course for motorcycles only. Class starts on March 13th, 2021 at 8:00 am at Ponca City Airport, 2213 Waverly St., Ponca City, OK. Range starts at 1:00 pm at the airport.

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:** - Please complete (print clearly)

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

1. Cost for all courses is **\$25.00** per motorcycle Full payment is required to reserve spot.
2. Registrations are accepted on a first-come basis. Class size is limited.
3. Cancellations will be accepted up 7 days prior to the course.
4. GWRRA reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses. In the event of a cancellation by GWRRA, fees will be refunded. If the course is rescheduled, students will automatically be enrolled in that class. If a student is unable to attend the rescheduled class, fees will be refunded.
5. Courses will take place rain or shine. No refunds due to weather.
6. Submitting this form does not guarantee a place in a course.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** - required at the beginning of class:

1. Proof of current motorcycle insurance or bond coverage.
2. Riders/Co-Riders GWRRA members have priority over nonmembers.
3. Riders/Co-Riders must wear full protective gear as defined by GWRRA. (Helmet, gloves, long sleeves, full pants, and boots/shoes that cover the ankles).
4. Riders must have proof of valid operator's license with motorcycle endorsement.
5. Participation/waiver statement for course participation.
6. Co-Rider's participation will be determined by the instructor, based on the rider's capability.

**NOTE:** GWRRA Rider Education reserves the right to deny course participation to anyone failing to meet the above criteria or presenting an unsafe condition.

**PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **GWRRA OK District**

Mail completed form and check (no cash please) to: **Max Rowlett, 13955 NE Tag Office, Fletcher, OK 73541**

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **OK Chapter P Staff**

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