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Meet-up in Washington by Arlene Crawford

The Golden Valley Gals decided to take a train trip to Washington, just west of the St. Louis area, to meet and have lunch with the Heartland Chapter. We boarded the AMTRAK on Feb 18th for our trip. Of course, we had Caroline, our International WOW Ride-In mascot, with us and she traveled and had a good time also. Our almost 3 hour train trip to Washington ended with meeting the Heartland chapter at the AMTRAK station.

There were nine of us from the GVG and we certainly had a wonderful time. We headed to a cafe called 'Three Margaritas' where the food was really good and the company was even better. Some of us 'old folks' were dropped at the Amtrak Station while the rest of the group headed to the local Harley Dealer. Everyone had a wonderful time. We were really tired by the time we got home, but it was well worth it! We decided we would try to return the favor and host the Heartland chapter on our side of the state next time.



Caroline travels with GVG and is sporting her new white vest, courtesy of Donna H., a Golden Valley Gals member.



Diane, Arlene and Cris with Caroline.



Our visit to Washington and our visit with the wonderful Heartland Chapter ladies was over and we had to board the train to return to Clinton, MO. Our happy group had a wonderful time in St. Louis and our hosts were the best you could ever imagine. Thank you, Heartland Chapter!!



Lunch at Kehde's BBQ by Dee Rooks

Though we had several of our Heartland girls looking forward to our March 25th state luncheon, due to various circumstances, only two of us actually went. Ruth Koester had to drive from Ruma, Illinois, to pick me up at my home in Feton, Missouri. Ruth is an excellent driver and we made good time, but getting a late start, we arrived at Kehde's BBQ in Sedalia a bit past noon.

Though the luncheon was to start at noon, most of the ladies were settled in and nearly finished eating. We exchanged greetings prior our joining Ginger Friesz and Sheryl Knox, members of the Golden Valley Gals, who graciously shared their table and great conversation with us.

Arlene Crawford had Caroline, the Greenville mascot, at the lunch. Ruth and I had discussed kidnapping her, but decided it unethical. Instead, we settled for having our pictures taken with Caroline.

There were as many opinions on the quality of the food as there were choices, ours was tasty. After a quick lunch, everyone got together for our group photo and good-bys were given.

Kehde's is located in an old railroad car, so Ruth and I had fun posing for each other outside. We enjoyed a leisurely ride home, stopping by Yeager's Cycle in Sedalia, and the Harley dealer in Columbia. All in all, it was a great day spent with my WOW sisters!



Bikers are Tough by Lisa Dorrell

As this time of year gets rolling around I know we are ALL anxious to get back on our Bikes and hit the Road . I know I am . Just wish they would hurry up and get my bike done LOL !! Winter is tip toeing out of the way and the NICE weather is upon us . So we ready ourselves for the Road trips to come. Isn't it amazing though we think of Spring and all the lovely weather like there are NO other Surprises the rest of the Year. I mean yes we expect some cool temps in the early Riding season so we pack or wear an extra layer but Boy , can't Missouri weather throw you some curve balls .

This reminds me of a trip our little group took last Summer . We decided on a Ride to Ava Mo to the Ava Drug . It is a cool old fashion Soda fountain that serves 5 & 10 cent Ice Cream and Cokes plus sandwiches and such . It was a beautiful hot day we made several stops along the way . By the time we got there we were REALLY looking forward to the Ice Cream . So we stayed and cooled off some before some of us split off and headed another direction. Myself , my husband JD , Bob , Mary and Andrew Cook also headed a little further south for the curvy roads . It was some pretty scenery , came across part of Bull Shoals Lake and decided to take a break . It was HOT !! Bob even loaded ice in his NEW bikes hard bags to try to keep some drinks cooler. We looked at the map and decided which way we would head out . I was the leader and off in the distance I saw a dark cloud that I figured was probably in Arkansas but Hey I wouldn't mind a little shower ! It was getting pretty uncomfortable in the Heat. So we tooled on around the back highway through the Mark Twain Forest and the cloud was getting closer . Soon there was thunder and some lightning off in the distance . It was getting closer and closer . Soon the winds picked up . It was getting darker and I am thinking "UH OH ! " Just where you want to be during a thunderstorm - On TOP of a Hill !

SO it began to rain . It blew a little and with the trees I thought we might be able to get through it . Then it picked up , Rain , WINDS and Lightning . We are pretty soaked by now so that is a futile cause . At this point all I am thinking of is getting out of the Weather before we get hit by lightning . BUT there are NO turn offs only a house here and there so we keep riding . I see abandoned barns but they are behind fences and no way to get to them . We must have been out there 20 minutes or more creeping along trying to find anything at this point. The rain is getting pretty relentless . Then I come up to an intersection and off to the right is a Highway Dept Salt storage shed, with just enough room for us to get in . SO we did . It rained and thundered and lightning struck all around us for the next hour . You could hardly hear each other talk with the storm going on around us . We laughed and joked about it but were glad to be off the road . As soon as it cleared up some we got out of there and hit the road . AND Dried off Motorcycle style . WOW !! That is one I won't forget for sure.



And the year before we had another trip with the Cooks were we had went to the Bikes , Blues and BBQ in Fayetteville , Ark in September. In the Fall you know you can get the extremes again so we were prepared we thought . It was typical Fall weather maybe even a little cold but hey it comes with the territory . The day we headed back it was 36 degrees that morning . Yikes , a little COOL . But we're tough WE can handle it ! We rode back north and it wasn't getting any warmer for sure . We finally decided to stop for a bite to eat in Springfield and as we were pulling into the parking lot of Steak and Shake I noticed this bank sign with the Time and Temp. WHAT!!!!!! - 196 !!! MAN WE ARE TOUGH !!! Those leathers sure DO break the COLD !!!

Only in Missouri !!!



Cycle Chirps by Deana Foster

We did it again!

Missouri rode the most miles of all participating States with over 300,000 miles collectively for the 7th year in a row! Congratulations to all that participated and for those that didn't, what is stopping you?

I would encourage all of you that participated to review the March/April 2012 WOW magazine to verify the miles you submitted. I found that my miles were off by 5348 and have submitted a correction to the coordinator. But did you notice? Massachusetts has been gunning for us and this year they got closer than ever. Now with Massachusetts member Rebecca Cross as the newest appointed President of Women On Wheels®, you know that the competition will be raised to another bar. Please, please, PLEASE get your Starting and Ending forms submitted at the appropriate

times.

The Women On Wheels® 2012 All Member Mileage Contest has great changes for 2012. One of the best is that you can determine to which state you want your miles to apply. So for all you Illinois residents that ride with Heartland, you get to apply those miles to Missouri! I am so excited! You can also register 4 different ways...by mailing in your own registration sheet; by emailing your registration form; by registering online; or by your chapter submitting a spreadsheet of all participating members' mileage! I think this is going to make everything more convenient.

I know that I can't wait to get started. April 1st is coming soon and I already have my forms ready to go,

but for that starting mileage because the weather has been AMAZING and I haven't stopped riding! Let's hope that the weather holds and that our season is full of wonderful rides. See you on the road!



Hawaii Rain Anita King

After 3 years of saving, and months of dreaming and planning for a once in a lifetime trip to Hawaii, when we finally made it to Oahu, we were greeted with rain, rain, and more rain...so much that there was major flooding with raw sewage overflowing into the ocean, prompting a Brown Water Advisory (go figure). One of the highlights of the trip

for my daughter, Sa'dia and I, was supposed to be to rent motorcycles and see the island in style!

We packed our own helmets in our carry-ons so we wouldn't have to worry about them getting banged around. We took our chaps, and gloves, and glasses.

In great anticipation of 'ride

day", while out shopping in the rain, we found Hawaii patches, to be proudly displayed once we had completed our 2 wheeled adventure. Much to our dismay, we hauled our gear from Springfield, to Chicago, to Honolulu, only to never see the sun, let alone, get to ride.

We were supposed to ride

in Hawaii on Saturday, but we came home early due to the conditions on the island. That same Saturday, in good ole' Missouri, it was sunny and 60, so we took a spin around our little piece of the world. It may not have been Hawaii, but it was still a great day on 2 wheels.



Crazybusy by Kathryn Anderson

Hi. I'm Kathryn Anderson, (Kat) and this is an activity that requires a bit of thinking outside the proverbial box for me. As 27 year veteran in the field of Education, verbosity comes naturally enough; however, the one subject I seldom write about is myself. If I had to sum it up in one word, (which is a difficult task for us loquacious people), I'd say "crazybusy" describes me rather well.

Hmmm...not a compound word you say? Live one day in my life and you'd jump on the bandwagon, write the Poet Laureate of your local university, and perhaps even a congressman to have it thereby entered into the next print of Webster's... under "crazybusy: Adjective: Informal usage- thereby describes one who is not of sound mind enough to say the word, "NO!" either loudly or forcefully enough to transmit the proper denial necessary to decline

the proffered task." But then, I digress.

I currently teach full time at a rural K-8 school district, where I'm the supervising mentor and Chair of the Professional Development Committee...neither were jobs I knowing sought...but unwitting got. (Oh yes...I forgot to mention that I like rhymes!)

Then, I go to my second job. I do state tutoring, which is now required for practically all children enrolled under the Every Child Left Behind Act. Following that,

I supervise a cheerleading squad, attend the games, am editor for the Christian Motorcycle Association Chapter #757 Newsletter, serve on the Advisory Board for various community activities, teach Sunday school and Wednesday night Bible study, attend as many WOW events as possible, serve as WOW secretary for the Golden

Valley Gals, and am in the application stage of pursuing a Ph.D.... (Are you tired yet? Me too!)

How, you may ask, can I do all these things simultaneously? Well, for one, I'm SINGLE...and B. ...um...2 that is...Not very well!

Seriously, I love my life and all the wonderful people the Lord has put in it. Therefore, never let it be said that I didn't take full advantage of every opportunity to make life better for myself and those around me. From Mozart to motorcycles and muscle cars to Monet, I am a sojourner of that which has been laid before me...and I hope I have many more miles to ride.

Bless you all and have a safe riding season wherever the road may lead you.



Friends or...?

How many of you have friends outside of WOW? I'd bet that everyone has a group of friends that do not ride, right?

OK. How many of your friends do you see on a regular basis.....other than at church? Now, how many do you see once or twice a month all year long?

I went on a ride yesterday afternoon with some Heartland sisters (Glow & Judy) and a lady that is thinking about joining WOW. We rode about 150 miles round trip and stopped for lunch halfway through the trip.

The weather was perfect!! Warm temperatures, blue skies....well, most of the day, and light winds until late in the after-

noon.

When we got to Piker's, in Louisiana, we had a good buffet and some great conversation. Lisha, the potential member, was surprised at how open, friendly and knowledgeable we were; she sent us an email telling us so.

We stopped by an area where Judy's gloves blew away on the way up (hint: don't just slide your gloves under your tank bag, they will blow away) to see if we could find them...we did.

When we saddled up again, we all gave each other hugs because we would break off at different places along the way.

This traditional hug got me to thinking, I have friends I talk to once in awhile on the phone or via

email or text, but see only a couple of times a year, if that. I also have friends I meet once every couple of months for dinner and a game night. Some of the aforementioned friends I hug, some I don't.

When I get together with my WOW friends, we always hug hello and most of the time we hug goodbye; that include those from different chapter and even those from different states. I keep up-to-date on them through our Facebook pages and theirs, the InMOtion newsletter, email, phone, lunches, meetings and rallies and Ride-Ins. I see my WOW friends more than anyone else and it hit me, I always tell my non-riding friends that I'm getting together with my WOW family tomorrow, next week, etc. I know many more birthdays of WOW members than some of my friends and I celebrate Thanksgiving & Christmas with more WOW sisters & brothers than some of my friends.

Do you do the same thing?

Bike Family by Mary Cook



Grand Canyon



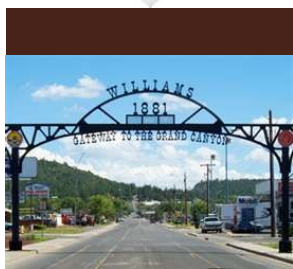
Madrid, New Mexico



Maggie's Diner, Madrid, NM



Large Radio Telescope Array



Williams, Arizona

This is the story of our little Biker family. I, Mary, lived in Phoenix, Arizona and was a single mom caring for myself and my adult son Andrew, who has Down Syndrome. There I met Bob Cook, a divorced Air Force Master Sergeant in January 2005. The two of us fell in love and decided to move in together that same year.

In January 2006 Bob decided to trade in his old 1988 Ford Bronco on a brand new 2006 Harley-Davidson Softail. From that moment on the two of us were hooked on riding. We went on many an excursion's together. I was not the only one who liked to go for rides, my son Andrew, loved riding and being around other bikers, too. At the end of 2006 Bob and I got married, he retired from Air Force and we moved to Missouri March of 2007. Riding was still our favorite pastime and as it turns out Missouri is a great place to ride! There was some difficulty with this as only two persons could ride the bike at one time.

In 2009 we purchased a used 2008 Harley-Davidson Dyna Super Glide. We had the dealership install a Frankenstein trike kit for me because I could not ride a regular motorcycle due to back surgeries. I call her my "Dynastien Betty!" It is a wonderful trike and I recom-

mend it to anyone who needs three wheels.

During this same year we rescued a 7yr. old Pomeranian from a puppy-mill and she became my baby, and our Harley Mascot!! Her name is Carley. When



we are on the road she is introduced as, "Carley the Harley Dog!" I made her a leather vest with a cap and she has raingear for her carrier. She loves going Bye, Bye!!

That next year, in May 2010, we went on our first long road trip to see our grandkids and Bob's son David. The idea of the trip was actually two-fold. First off was to visit family and friends in Arizona. Second was to follow Rt. 66, "The Mother Road" as much as possible which we found out were small original portions of it, but still fun! What a fantastic time it was! We took in sights on the way out such as the Large Radio Telescope Array in New Mexico.

While in Arizona we met up with one of Bob's retired Air Force buddies and stayed in Williams, Arizona. We took a trip to the Grand Canyon while we

were there. On the way back we made stops along the way to see sights like the Continental Divide. While riding through Albuquerque, New Mexico we stopped at the local Harley-Davidson dealer to verify the directions for Rt. 66, but the service manager suggested a side trip up NM State Hwy. 14. That took us through a small town out in the middle of nowhere called Madrid, New Mexico. Yes, it really does exist, along with Maggie's Diner from the movie "Wild Hogs."

Last year the Cook family rode to the Denver, Colorado to once again visit their grandkids! Later we rode with Bob's Air Force buddy to visit a third retired Air Force buddy living in the Little Rock, Arkansas.

We are attending the Trike Rally in N. Carolina in June this year. We are also attending the WOW. Ride-In, in Greenville, South Carolina and you guessed it.... visiting more friends and family along the way.

I joined Women on Wheels in 2011 and enjoy the camaraderie and friendships that came along with my membership. My husband Bob and my son Andrew are support members as well. We all know why a dog loves to hang his head out a car window.....its exhilarating!!!



Winter Dreaming by Sandy Richey

Being able to ride during the winter months is usually rare. However, this year we've had moderate temperature, so most riders have been able to get out at least three or four times. I haven't had that pleasure this winter, my bike had a dead battery. I finally got it replaced only to find that my back tire had developed a serious case of flat; it couldn't be repaired it had to be replaced.

So, I put my baby in the shop for it's 30,000 maintenance and a rear tire replacement only to find that the throttle and brake cables needed to be replaced. Seventeen days and counting, the shop is saying I "might" have my bike back in four or five more days.

Of course, there were three good days for riding during that seventeen days stretch and it looks like the temps are going to hit sixty degrees on Wednesday, two days before I "might" get my bike back.

Under these circumstances, my thoughts turn to great rides of the past. I'm sure you've done the same thing, right?

Well, let's see. One of my favorites was the 2011 President's Croozapalooza. It was a little cool and a little damp most of the weekend, but the camaraderie during our non-ride hours more than made up for that. The turn out of WOW members from several different states for the dinner over-filled the dining area reserved. The staging of the ride was well organized and the pride and the passion of the riders showed through to those who observed us as we passed through their communities.

Running a close second was Heartland's ride in the "Celebrating Women Riders", in Milwaukee, sponsored by Harley-Davidson. The thrill of riding in a procession of over 900 bikes, supporting pink ribbons to support Cancer research, half spread out in front and half behind me. I watched the tail lights and head lights show side-by-side like lights on a Christmas tree, as I topped the hill entering Milwaukee's downtown. People along our route we're cheering and reaching out to touch us

and our bikes as we passed. Quite a feeling!

Now for the best part of a ride. Last year I was lucky enough to go to the Ride-In, in San Jose. We saw some great places on the way out, but I have to admit that my favorite part was the trip though Yosemite National Park. The scenery was fantastic, the temperatures perfect and the park very overcrowded. The best part of the park, as far as actual riding, was leaving the park. The road was an eight to ten degree downgrade with twists, turns and hairpin curves one after the other for over half an hour.

I haven't ridden the Dragon's Tail yet, but I doubt that it has anything better than the west road exit of Yosemite. I've been riding for over forty years, but the best rides I've had have all occurred since joining the Heartland chapter of WOW. I don't know how much longer I'll be able to ride, but I do know that as long as I ride with WOW, there will be something great in every ride.



Cabin Fever Stories? I Bet YOU Do!

OK, you've gone to the wonderful annual event hosted by the Heart of Iowa ladies....and their support member hubbies. You had a great time, took some pictures, bought some goodies and shared conversation, laughter and riding stories.

Now what? Well, you could sit down and send me some of your best pictures (with names and description of what is happening, if possible) and a story about your first rally of the year.

Tell me about your ride up and with whom, your stops for lunch to and from, something interesting you saw, what costume you wore, which costume

won the grand prize, the funniest or naughtiest of the White Elephant gifts, what you did when not playing games, what games you played and who won each of the events, etc., etc., etc.

Last year, I was able to go to the rally and so did about one-third of Missouri WOW members, but I had a devil of a time getting anyone to write a story about it.

There is so much that goes on during this event that there should be at least a dozen stories out there and not one of them would be a repeat. There are as many stories as there are attendees, so please share them with your WOW sisters that couldn't go.



Editorial



Helmet-Less by Deana Foster

It won't be any surprise to any of you that I am getting up on my soap box to rant. I hope it doesn't offend anyone, but I need to get something off my chest.

I have a Facebook page and I am always looking for women motorcycle pages, etc. I found one that I "liked." (For those of you not on FB, that means that you click on a button that indicates you want to receive updates from their FB page to your FB page.) I don't actively go to that FB woman motorcycle page but I do get the updates and more often than not, I am sent some pictures of beautiful, skinny, young women on motorcycles.

She looks **GORGEOUS!** No bugs in her teeth. No riding jacket to cover up her tight fitting tube top (or whatever.) No chaps or riding pants to keep us from seeing her athletic legs through a pair of tight fitting jeans, and the **most frustrating thing at all? NO HELMET!** Thus begins part one of my soap box stance.

WHAT THE HECK? How can any responsible human being or irresponsible Facebook page continually showcase these beautiful women riding motorcycles without helmets? I do understand the argument people make and I can honestly say that I have ridden without one a time or two but as I rode more, I realized how irresponsible I was being to my friends and family. This FB page should not highlight women riding without helmets, if not for the mere reason that many young kids can see this and think they can go out on their dirt bikes, or whatever, and ride without one. What signal is this page sending?

WHAT THE DOUBLE HECK? One day I received an update showcasing a woman standing on

her seat as she rode down the road and once again, **WITH NO HELMET!** I'm sorry, but doesn't anyone remember that Indian Larry died this exact way several years back? And yet, below this link, were multiple comments of woohoo and thata way, etc., etc., etc. Please people, don't try this at home and if you must, **WEAR A HELMET!**

I think you can talk to just about anyone in our group that has had a close call. I'm sure you can talk to several people that have had a fall and their helmet saved their head and possibly their life. I know there are others that weren't wearing helmets or possibly not DOT approved that would now never be caught without a full face because of what happened to them when they fell. I also know that a helmet won't save your life at all times. But wouldn't you be more willing to take a good chance of living with some broken bones and some scrapes rather than taking a good chance of not living at all because you're not wearing a helmet?

Like what I say or don't like what I say. That's fine as we all have opinions. But I am "unliking" that Facebook page and as I do, I'm letting them know what I think about their Helmet-less pictures of these beautiful women.

My post to the Facebook page:

Sorry, but after receiving several updates from this page of beautiful women riding without helmets, I am "unliking" the page. I understand everyone has a choice to wear or not to wear a helmet but most feeds I receive from this page are pictures of helmet-less women. I just hope that these beautiful women will remain "beautiful" should they have a helmet-less wreck. Good Luck and please consider being more responsible to your followers by posting more pictures of women that we can't tell are so beautiful because they are wearing a helmet that covers and possibly saves it.



Annual Chapter Participation Competition

Beginning in 2012, the Missouri Chapters of Women On Wheels® will hold a friendly annual participation competition between the Chapters. Chapters earn points by their members attending state and nationally sponsored events during the year.

Points are earned as follows:

1. Attendance at State and Women On Wheels® National Events:
 - a. One (1) point a Chapter for each member that attends a state or nationally sponsored event up to a maximum of five (5) points per Chapter. This makes it fair for the smaller Chapters.
2. 2012 Touring Contest:
 - a. One (1) point for each member that participates in the 2012 Touring Contest. This will be determined by the submission of the member's first photo to the Missouri State Ambassador.
 - b. One (1) point for every photo submitted by the participating member.
3. Women On Wheels® Annual Mileage Competition:
 - a. One (1) point for each member that sends in their Starting and Ending Annual Mileage Competition Form.

Points start accumulating at the first Ride/Drive to Lunch on February 25th and continue through November 15, 2012 which is the deadline for submission of photos for the Touring Contest and the ending Annual Mileage competition form. The Missouri State Ambassador will tally points earned and announce the winning Chapter in the First Quarter InMotion Newsletter for 2013.

Prize for Winning:

The prize will be presented at the 2013 Missouri State Rally by the Missouri State Ambassador to the winning Chapter which earns the most points during 2012. Said Chapter will take home the Traveling Trophy and will maintain said Trophy until the winning Chapter is announced at the following years Missouri State Rally and all years thereafter.

Good Luck!



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June 1, 2, 3 in 2012



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for more details!

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Cost: \$81 + tax (15.175%) per night for a standard king or (2) queen
bed room. Check In: 4 p.m. Check-out: 11 a.m. Rates are good 3 days
prior to and 3 days after the rally.

Amenities:

A Complimentary breakfast bar is available from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

ATM

Coin Laundry

Elevators

Local Area Transportation

On-Site Convenience Store

Indoor Pool

All rooms have mini refrigerators and microwaves.

Fitness Center

Good Parking

Hotel is across the street from Chesterfield Commons Shopping Center.





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Cost:

\$81 + tax (15.175%) per night for a standard king or (2) queen bed room.

Check In: 4 p.m. Check-out: 11 a.m.

Rates are good 3 days prior to and 3 days after the rally.

Amenities:

- Complimentary breakfast bar is available from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- ATM • Coin Laundry • Elevators • Local Area Transportation • Indoor Pool
- All rooms have mini refrigerators and microwaves • Fitness Center • Great Parking
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- Cahokia Mounds - Ancient indian burial grounds
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- Intriguing Science Center
- Fabulous Fox Theatre

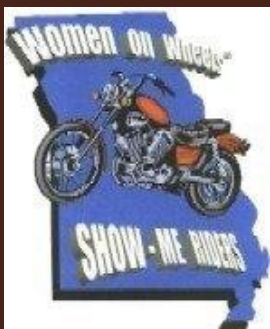
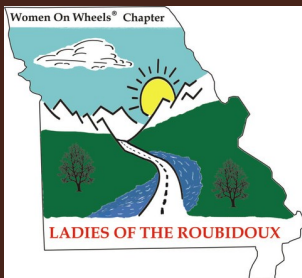


Do you
have a
question...?

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see www.heartlandWOW.org
for even more details!



Chapter Chatter



Golden Valley Gals

Our January Meeting was held on Jan 14th with our new Chapter Director, Lisa Dorrell presiding. Caroline, the 26th Ride-In mascot, arrived for a visit in Missouri 2/1/12. She took a trip to the Cass Medical Center in Harrisonville where she hurt her back and had to have treatment. She then took off for her vacation in the Caribbean with Sheryl Knox and came back all TAN ! She visited the tailor, Donna Harris and was fitted for her Missouri Vest. She returned with a spiffy white vest to put all her pins on.

Caroline then went on an Amtrak ride to Washington, MO with the GVG Chapter. We had lunch, shopped and had lots of time to chat with the Heartland Chapter. We talked about plans for the State Rally in June in Chesterfield, Mo.

Caroline attended the Ride to Lunch, held on Feb 25th in Sedalia. WOW! We always have a great time when we get together. PLEASE join in on the Fun for our March Ride to Lunch and meet us March 31st at Potter's Dawg House 1027 Porter Waggoner Blvd. West Plains, MO. We will eat at 12:00 so be there a little early to get in line.

GVG is attending the Cabin Fever Rally in Ames, Iowa for the 6th year in a row. ALWAYS a good time and Missouri always does well with the games.

Lisa Dorrell is putting a new paint job on her 99 Kawasaki Drifter, watch for

the shiny bike.

Please keep Tammy Curry and Donna Montgomery in your prayers as they are battling cancer in their families. Every little word of prayer helps. Donna Harris is having Surgery on 2/27/12.

Heartland Chapter

Joan Cather is currently training with the Fleet Feet Team running 25-30 miles a week. On April 15th, she will be running her 1st Half Marathon (13.2 miles) at the Go-St. Louis. Then, she will travel with the Fleet Feet Team to Champaign, IL to participate in the I-Challenge. This involves running a 5K (3.1 miles) on April 27th & then on April 28th running another half marathon.

Her run training involves running 5 days a week with 3-5 miles Monday through Thursday then on Saturday morning she participates in the team's long runs that start at 7:30 AM. This means, she'll have to catch up with us on rides unless the ride leaves at 10 AM. Joan is still training 3-4 days a week with Taekwondo, she is working on her material as a 4th Degree Black Belt.

Lady Cruisers

Deana met up with one of her best friends from high school (Grandview Sr. High Class of '79) Michelle Coyle Lippert and drove to Destin, Florida where she spent a week at the Islander Condos with Michelle's parents, Fran and Tom. Though Deana had to work (have com-

puter, will travel and work) she did get to explore the area and met up with a few Biker people at Ms. Newbys in Panama City. Though she wasn't dressed for riding, she managed to convince Superman, the owner, that she should sit on his Harley and grab some serious Ape Hangers!



Show Me Riders

Mary White: I am once again the Chapter Director for the Show Me Riders. This girls really make it a pleasure to do this.

I now have 14 grandchildren, 9 girls, 5 boys. My husband and I have 7 children, and 2 dogs. I hope to get a lot more riding in for this season than last, providing it doesn't get to hot. I will be going to the National Ride-In and can't wait for the fun to begin this year with all the lunches and rides planned. I just turned 56 in December and keep looking for discounts for those old people. Not finding many that I can get yet, still to young.

I will be taking a cruise the last of March with Beth & Robert Shouse from Show Me Riders and my husband's family. I know we will have a great time because we all went on the WOW cruise together.





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Missouri's Upcoming Events

April 1st: Heartland is holding a Group Riding Skills Workshop, Part 2., from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and will focus on two lane, interstate and twisty road riding.

April 7th: Missouri's WOW Mileage Kick-Off, meet at noon behind the capital building, in Jefferson City, for pictures, then on to lunch.

April 22nd: 5th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Ride. 600 motorcyclists are expected to participate in the ride which starts at the Remington's parking lot, off Republic Road. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. with the ride starting at 1:30 p.m. The 75 mile ride will end in Springfield at the American Legion Post 639. No cost to participate, free t-shirt, as long as they last, food and drink available at the end of the ride. For more information, contact Larry Tuck at 573-207-2123 or Curtis Moore at 573-6900.

April 28th: MO State Lunch at Shakespeare Pizza, in Columbia. (address to follow).

May 4th: International Female Ride Day.

May 6th: End of Ride-In Pre-Registration.

May 26th: MO State Lunch. Location and time TBD. Hosted by the Golden Valley Gals.

June 1st-3rd: Missouri WOW State Rally, hosted by the Heartland Chapter, this year, in St. Louis.

June 23rd: MO State Lunch. Location and time TBD. Hosted by Lady Cruiser of the Ozarks.

July 26th-29th: AMA Women & Motorcycling Conference, in Carson City, NV.

July 28th: MO State Lunch. Location and time TBD. Hosted by the Ladies of Roubidoux.

August 25th: MO State Lunch. Location and time TBD. Hosted by the Show Me Riders.

September 22nd: MO State Lunch. Location and time TBD. Hosted by Heartland.

October 6th: Missouri Fall State Ride, location and time TBD.



2012 Missouri State Touring Contest

Come one, Come all and join me in the 2012 Missouri State Touring Contest!



Step 1. Grab a copy of one of your past Women On Wheels® Magazines and put it in your saddle bag.

Step 2. Take that mag and go on a ride in search for FROGS!

Frog statutes, frog pictures, frog stores, live frogs. The object is to get a picture of yourself and the WOW magazine with as many different frogs as possible and maybe Throw Down The WOW sign along with it. Please don't PURCHASE frogs for the photos!



Your Bike doesn't necessarily have to be included in the picture but you do need to at least look you have been riding by including your riding gear or helmet, etc. The person that submits the most pictures wins. It won't be easy but it will be fun. This directly ties in with the Annual Chapter Participation Competition so let's get HOPPIN! Touring contest begins April 1st and ends October 31st. Pictures may be emailed to Deana Foster, Missouri State Ambassador, as they are being taken at dbf8@windstream.net or mailed no later than November 15th to 566 Farm Road 2070, Purdy, MO 65734. Good Luck!