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Lunch at Tommy's Tator in Rolla

Coming from all directions over all types of roads, members from the **five** Missouri chapters met at Tommy's Tator, in Rolla, for the September MO State Lunch. Yes, I said five! The Ladies of Rubidoux have applied for their chapter charter.

Twenty-one members and support members got together for fine food and conversation. Bright blue skies with the occasional cottony, white cloud was the order of the day; the temperatures were in the upper sixties to lower seventies and the wind was just enough to keep you from over heating. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day.

The hugs and introductions took about fifteen minutes and then we ordered a variety of meals. One meal stood out, or should I say spread out, more than the others. The pork tenderloin sandwich covered the bun, the fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onion and the plate. You would have had to have three buns to eat one pork tenderloin; most who ordered it had to take from 1/2 to 2/3s of it home....and I bet their bike leaned to one side from the size of it. If you don't believe me, look at the picture to the right. **That golden slab covering the plate is all one sandwich!! WOW!!** ➡

The only drawback of Tommy's Tator is the parking situation. There is a small paved area, for about seven cars (or nine bikes and trikes) in the front. The overflow parking was a badly rutted, severely slanted, potholed gravel parking lot. There was one alternative parking area down the side and behind the building, but there were three large potholes the size of craters from one side of the entrance to the other. I'm sure the holes would have been deeper, but I know I saw a flash from the sun off of one of the cars headlights that had fallen in sometime before we arrived. However, I wouldn't let that frighten you away from the good food you can find at this local favorite.

Deana reminded everyone to put in their mileage by the deadline this year, November 15th. She doesn't know where we stand in the contest, but reminded us that every mile counts. She also said that she was trying to plan events over the winter months, so that we could continue to socialize; of course, we'd have to drive to these events rather than ride, but we'd get to see each other.

I ask everyone to submit the pictures and names of the new officers for their chapters and to send articles and pictures of their events, Halloween, Christmas, etc.

After a quick pit stop for everyone and the goodbye hugs, everyone headed for their bikes and the road home. About forty-five minutes after leaving Rolla, the skies clouded over with dark, ominous, multi-level clouds quickly blotting out the sun.

What had started out as a nice leisurely ride home, to the St. Louis area, became a fast-paced run to beat the rain. We made it without much more than a few sprinkles, but I don't if the others were so lucky. If they hit the rain and the winds in that storm, I hope they found a good cover place to pull over and find shelter.

As usual, this gathering gave us a good chance to catch up on each others lives and swap riding stories. So, until the next time we meet, ride safe-ride often.



New MO WOW Chapter Officers for 2011

Golden Valley Gals

Left to Right:

Phyllis Peacher, Asst. Director

Sheryl Knox, Treasurer

Arlene Crawford, Director

Kathy Anderson, Secretary



Heartland-St. Louis



Left to Right:

Sandy Richey-Director

Diane Rackovan-Ride Coordinator

Alice Jones-Stewart-Treasurer

Barb Ross-Sergeant-at-Arms

Arlene Jackson-Activities Coordinator

Carolyn Jackson-Web Master

Lady Cruisers of the Ozarks

Left-Jill Ivey, Director

Right-Leslie Wilson-Treasurer



Ladies of the Roubidoux



Left: Michal Shafer-Secretary

Center: Gayla Campbell-Director

Right: Terri Armistead-Treasurer

Show Me Riders



Mary White-Director



Kathy Geckly-Vice Director



Carolyn Clark-Secretary

Fall Foliage Ride 2010



Heartland Chapter before heading to the MO Fall Foliage ride.

The morning started out at a crisp 54 degrees, so all of us were dressed in leathers, layers or both to stave off the cold. Standing still, the cool morning was invigorating, but at seventy m.p.h. the wind was bone chilling.

The Schulte's market was extremely busy, when we arrived, and there was a BBQ stand set up in the corner of the parking lot, which drew a lot of customers.

When all five chapters had gathered, we had thirty riders for this ride.

When the last two groups arrived, we greeted each other and Deana gave us a brief overview of the route to Hahatonka. Each group took one or two riders that had CB capabilities, so that the groups could stay in touch in case we became separated.

The Heartland riders were the third group and were

about a mile and a half behind the first and second groups.

The ride to Hahatonka State Park was a good one. The roads had a few twisties and some rolling hills; it was mostly two lane highways. The trees were just beginning to show their fall colors

Just as we pulled into the parking area next to the Natural Bridge path a biker pulling into a parking space, went down. I will not disclose the name, but I will tell you that she did a beautiful tuck and roll escape and came out of the event with only a bruised ego.

We took the trail to the Natural Bridge. The trail was somewhat eroded and made up of large and small rocks, dirt and a few railroad-tie steps.

After several photos, we

headed for Malarkey's, in Camdenton, for lunch, where we took up all but two tables. They had a good staff and great food. If you're hungry and in the area, this is a good place to stop. It was during lunch that I discovered one of the new WOW members, Dawn Gregory, dropped her bike and broke her right hand. The entrance to the parking lot was a bad 45 degree angle, I'm surprised that more bikes didn't drop. When she and her husband left Malarkey's they went to the Urgent Care facility in Camdenton. Unfortunately, I haven't received any updates on her condition.

After lunch, we said our goodbyes, exchanged our wishes for a safe ride and gave our traditional WOW hugs before we headed our separate ways.



Schulte's Market parking lot.





Fall Foliage Pictures





Dee with Josey, the 25th International Women On Wheels® Ride-In mascot, to be held in San Jose', California.

"When I was a kid, I would ride any bike around. If it had air in the tires and gas in the tank, I would ride it"



The "Blue Spock".

Getting to Know.....Dee King

Dee was born in Weaubleau Missouri and was raised, along with her two brothers, David and Tom, on the same farm as their father. Dee says that her brother, Davy "is responsible for my love of motorcycling. When he was ten, he worked to earn a Suzuki 50cc; he let me ride it when I was eight and I was hooked." Sadly, David died in an automobile accident in 1981.

Dee's father was a roofer by trade, but Dee remembers him fondly as a "jack of all trades..." and says that he was pretty good at anything he tried. Dee was walking around on roofs at the age of four and was nailing shingles by the age of fourteen. She received an Associates Degree as a Paralegal and tried several career path, but she eventually realized that she enjoyed and was meant to be a roofer. Dee and her brother Tom took over the King & King Enterprises when her father passed away in 2000.

Dee joined the Army right out of high school and served in Frankfort Germany. This posting allowed her to see much

of Europe and experience everything from Holland's windmills to the Louvre in Paris, where she saw the Venus de Milo and the Mona Lisa. Dee said, "the architectural design of the Louvre and the treasure it houses is something I will never forget." She even tried her hand at skiing; let's just say that she's much better as a motorcyclist.

Dee's first motorcycle was a present from her mother and father. A Honda 350 was sitting, in the house, next to the tree and although she was only fifteen and couldn't ride on the road, she rode it around the farm, in spite of the snow on the ground. In the summer, she and her dad, who had a Suzuki 550, would go down to the field and race. By the time she was sixteen, the 350 was gone, but she got her motorcycle permit and could finally ride on the road. "When I was a kid, I would ride any bike around; if it had air in the tires and gas in the tank, I would ride it."

Although Dee does not have a "dream" bike, she admits that her favorite bike was her Virago 750, the "Little Red 1", "he

was so agile, but just had too small an area for luggage". She now owns a 2010 Kawasaki Vulcan Classic LT 900 that she calls "Blue Spock". She says that the "Blue Spock still needs a few adjustments/accessories to make him fit better, but she's working on it.

Dee attended a toy run in November of 2001, where she met Willa Payne and Mila Swearing. They introduced her to what she calls "the most wonderful organization I ever been a part of", Women On Wheels®. She rides with the Ladies of the Ozarks chapter out of Springfield. Dee says, "I have finally found a place that I fit in and that fits me."

The longest trip Dee has made, so far, is to the 24th International Ride-In, in Stratton Mountain Vermont., via Maine. She rode 3373.3 miles on that trip. She hopes to beat that mileage if she can swing going to the WOW Ride-In in San Jose California next year.

During the winter, Dee works fills her time with wood-burning, plastic canvas, leather crafting and shooting pool.





Cycle Chirps-Contemplating Parting Ways by Deana Foster

My head is buzzing, whirling and grinding. So many things to do before Christmas but NONE of them include my bikes. The weather has turned cold and the bikes sit dejected in the garage. At night I dream of sorrow. After so many months and miles of bonding, I have neglected them and their high beams are sending streams of sadness through the walls. I think I hear "Why oh why have you abandoned us?"

So it went during most of the weeks in November and December isn't looking much better. (Sigh!) The new bike (aka Black Bullet) believes that I have truly turned my heart away from it. Doesn't it notice that I have also failed to polish the Big Pink Kitty? Both sit with dirt and grime and bugs galore. I have never been very good at cleaning my bikes and believe me; the water would freeze before it even left the hose at this point. Brrrrrrrr!

Unbeknownst to them, I have been thinking about them daily, planning the tune ups and the new accessories for next year's riding season. Black Bullet may get yet another new seat in an attempt to make it more of a long distance rider. I'm also thinking about adding a trunk to expand cargo space. The new rear tire has already been purchased. Big Pink Kitty will just get cleaned up as it always the "go to" bike for the long haul. I hope, however, that they haven't heard me talking to Dave about riding his Goldwing to San Jose. That would break both of their hearts, I'm sure.

Goldwing you say? Yes, I am actually

thinking about it. That is a very long way to ride on the Black Bullet's horribly uncomfortable seat and I really don't think I could do it. I AM getting old and even though my butt looks bigger, it is really just sliding down my backside and getting thinner. Not good padding for 5,000 miles. I'm also thinking about going solo and Dave doesn't feel comfortable about me riding Bike Pink Kitty all those miles alone. It may break down and then where would I be? My luck, it would happen in the middle of nowhere with limited cell service, forcing me to rely on the goodness of a scary knife toting passerby. So I am considering the Wing. CONSIDERING, I say because it is so YELLOW and really not my style. Besides, my Pink would clash.

Maybe it is time to sell Big Pink Kitty, use the Black Bullet as my around town and through twisties bike and buy another bike for long distance. I bet if Big Pink Kitty hears me saying this she will never start up for me again. But.....Has anyone seen a Pink Goldwing for sell?



Do you have someone you would like to see written about in the "Getting to Know....." column?

Send your suggestions to Deana Foster,

**Missouri State Ambassador,
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Deana on the "Big Pink Kitty"



Deana on the "Black Bullet" bike @ the MO State Rally.

We are looking for articles about your bikes (former, present or dream), your rides, your events or your stories about what made you want to ride.

Please, send your article and pictures to Deana or Sandy.

You don't have to be a seasoned, professional writer; you just have to have a story to tell.

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New WOW Chapter in Missouri



Gayla opens present while

Cris looks on.

*Fifth chapter
recognized in
Missouri.
Ladies of
Roubidoux
receive chapter
charter.*



Cris with the
Ladies of Roubidoux.

It's Official!! There's a new chapter recognized by Women On Wheels® in the state of Missouri. The last chapter to receive a charter was the Golden Valley Gals, on March 11, 2007.

On December 11th, Cris Baldwin, President of International Women On Wheels®, went to St. Roberts Missouri to present the Certificate of Chapter Charter to the Ladies of Roubidoux. She presented the certificate to the chapter Director, Gayla Campbell.

The Ladies of Roubidoux were meeting at OB's Billiards, in St. Roberts for their monthly meeting and for their Christmas Party Pot-Luck. The surprise of the meeting was that Cris, unbeknownst to the chapter, was attending to present their official recognition by WOW. Carrying the secret just a little further, Cris wrapped the framed certificate as a present.

When we walked into the meeting area, most of the members were already there, the exchange gifts and silent action items were spread out on the pool table. About ten minutes after our arrival, Gayla Camp-

bell called the meeting to order and announced we would eat after the meeting was concluded. Everyone introduced themselves and told what bike they rode. When Gayla asked for any new business, Cris rose and walked over to Gayla to hand her the present.

I don't know if anyone else felt it, but it seemed like it took forever for her to tear through the paper and open the box. When the box was opened Gayla held up the Certificate of Chapter Charter and applause erupted along with a few joyous yells.

Pictures were taking of Cris and Gayla with the certificate and everyone gathered around to look at the framed document.

Although the mood in the room was happy before, the level of joy rose measurably. Smiles were everywhere and the level of conversation increased.

After the commotion died down, everyone lined up for the pot-luck. The food was delicious and varied; it ranged from apple slices to hearty chili.



Cris Baldwin presents Chapter Charter to Gayla Campbell.

When lunch was finished, we had the White Elephant exchange, the miniature motorcycle pull, and the balloon stuffing contest.

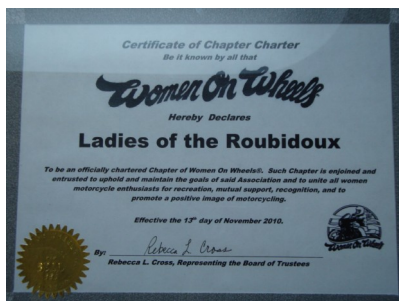


The motorcycle pull contest pitted two contestants against each other and came down to the final two through elimination. The object was to pull the motorcycles, mounted on blocks of wood, by wrapping the attached string around a 1" dowel rod by each contestant; of course, this was made more difficult by having to wrapped the string around the rod while it was held behind the legs.





New WOW Chapter in Missouri, continued.



As luck would have it, the final two were Cris and Gayla. Gayla won by a two inch margin.



Cris and Gayla compete in the finals while Josh and Judy look on.

The next game was for teams of two. The object, blow up balloons and stuff them into the legs of panty hose, it easier to say than do, then put the panty hose on the heads of the team members. The first team to complete the tasks, wins.



Ray and Kathy (Pink Jo) Worley stuff the panty hose.



Tekera and Cris blowing up balloons.



Megan, Terri, Ralph and Josh Armistead team up for the balloons stuffing contest.



Tekera and Cris Win balloon contest.

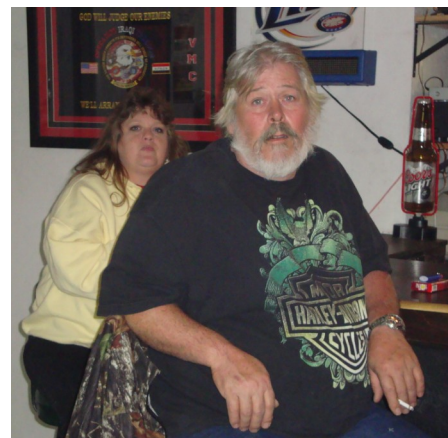
The day was a mix of accomplishment, competition, good food, new friendships and fun. Judy Sullivan and Sandy Richey, from the Heartland chapter, were lucky enough to participate in the events of this day and honored to observe the charter

of these fine women and men as the new Ladies of Roubidoux chapter. They are a great bunch and I know this new chapter will be a credit to the Women On Wheels® organization.

Welcome Ladies of Roubidoux!!



Chandra, Tekera and Irene



Deana and Rick York.



Megan and Ralph compete in the motorcycle race.



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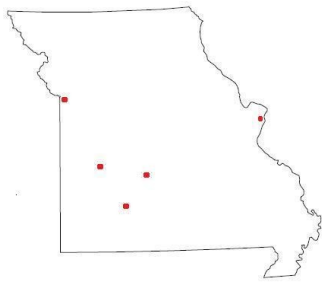
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Heartland

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Ladies of Roubidoux (New Chapter)

Show Me Riders



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To unite all women motorcycle enthusiasts
for recreation, education, mutual support
and to promote a positive
image of motorcycling.

Look for “Officer Spotlight” in
the 1st quarter issue of
InMotion for 2011.

Holiday Commentary by Sandy Richey

At this time of the year we celebrate many different family traditions and religious celebrations. We scurry from store to store in search of that perfect gift for moms, dads, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives. We decorate our homes with lights, trees, ornaments and wreaths. We remember holidays past and dream of holidays in the future.

The season opens our hearts. We drop that dollar in the red buckets or fulfill a little Christmas wish for local children in foster care, who have no parents or who have been removed from their homes for their own safety. We put together packages for our soldiers overseas, serve dinners to the homeless or contribute food to the hundred neediest families in our area.

But mostly, we look forward to the holiday season because everyone seems a little more courteous or a little happier. We pause to let that poor man or woman get out of the parking lot in front of us. How many times have you said or heard someone say, “I wish people would act this way all year long, not just at Christmas time, but all the time.”

This thought crossed my mind again at the Heartland Christmas party. I started thinking about the behavior of all the WOW members I’ve met over the last year. I thought about the Missouri Mileage Kick-Off ride, MO State Rally, the International Ride-In and the President’s Croozapalooza and the couldn’t find one instance of rudeness or discourteous behavior.

At first, I thought it might be because, as bikers, we are always enjoying our passion for riding. However, I have met rude, discourteous motorcycle riders on the road. So, I have come to the conclusion that it must be that WOW member’s behavior must be related to the fact that they belong to Women On Wheels®.

WOW encourages safe, courteous riding and I have seen our lead riders wave on a car even

though the rider had the right-of-way. I have seen WOW members talk to cage drivers about WOW riders and activities, give directions or recommend a good restaurant or motel and that friendliness encourages cage drivers to look out for motorcycle riders on the road. I have seen WOW riders reach out to a member from another chapter who has an illness, a house burn down, an accident or loss their job.

So, from now on, I think I will say, “I wish people could act more like WOW members all year long, not just at Christmas time, but all the time.”

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy and Safe Holiday.



Missouri Chapters-Holiday Parties and Event Pictures



The first picture is of our annual Christmas party. We always have a good time, so they put us in a private room, for some unknown reason!!

The Golden Valley Gals wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



Heartland Chapter Christmas Party, held December 12th, had a good turn out considering the 10 degree temperatures. Our party was a pot-luck dinner at the home of Alice (Heartland Treasurer) & Joe Stewart. We had an ornament exchange and for food we had sandwiches, clam chowder, appetizers and homemade desserts.

Heartland WOW wishes you a happy and safe holiday season.



The Golden Valley Area Motorcyclists had an event on December 4th in which all motorcycle organizations in the area participated. This is the first year for this event. WOW was in charge of the food, as usual!!!

F.O.R.R., Southern Cruisers, CMA. and WOW all got together and collected toys and food items for the Samaritan Center in Clinton. We also collected warm weather clothing for all ages. On December 5th it was all taken to the Center in a parade. If you remember it was about 30 degrees, but there were several bikes in the parade.

The 50/50 was won by a perspective member of WOW, Mary Cook, and the other portion of the 50/50 was donated to the Center also. There was \$58 collected for them. We had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun.....



The Ladies of Roubidoux celebrated their Christmas party at OB Billiards, in St. Roberts, on December 11th, with a White Elephant exchange, a miniature tractor pull and lots of good food. The weather outside may have been cold and windy, but the warmth inside was from the members.

The Ladies of Roubidoux (and their support members) wish you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.