

## EASTERN KANSAS TOUR RIDERS CHAPTER B



### AUGUST JULY 2017 MINUTES

**Officers:**

**Director:** Everyone

**Secretary:** Patti Kelsey

**Treasurer:** John English

**Dinner Ride Coordinator:** Bev Speckman

**Historian:** Dave Aiken

**Ride Captain:** Bill Poe

**Webmaster:** John English

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**VISITORS:** Elaine and Maurice met a couple at their church Chuck and Sam and brought them to the meeting. They are from Little Rock (by way of Houston for the last year). Chuck works for a medical supply company (one that provides material for grafts for burn patients). She is in school for Organizational Management. He drives a harley. They are really excited to find a group to ride with.

**MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET:** John English has set the date. We will leave about 9 am Saturday August 19 (and return the next day). John had about 12 signed up so far (hoping for 20 to get the discount). If that happens the meal and show should cost \$48.25 (including tip). You will need to make your own reservations (Fall Creek Inn and Suites has a few rooms set aside). If you are interested please let John know by July 31 (he will need the money by August 4).

**WEBSITE:** John English has taken over the website and is working on making some changes. There will still be similar things but go online and give it a try.

**MEETING PLACE:** We have discussed so many times about moving meeting locations due to the poor service and the room accommodations. Bev finally found

a couple places that may work for us: Gambino's on 87th street - an Italian restaurant with pizza and subs and Johnny's tavern on K-10 and Ridgeview - it's a bar and grill. After much discussion we decided to try Johnny's for the rest of the year. We will talk about how it's going at the planning meeting in December to see if we need to try Gambino's, try someplace else, go back to Perkins or stay at Johnny's.

**DINNER RIDES:** The month of July is spoken for (July 12 John English is leading us to the Mason Jar, July 19 Robert is leading us to Kelly's and Donna hasn't chosen the restaurant she's leading us to July 26). Bev is still looking for leaders for the rest of the year.

**SOLAR ECLIPSE:** If you are planning on watching the eclipse Kerwin has some glasses he's willing to let you have, just let him know. You can also check and see if Moon Marble still has some (they were selling them for \$1.00).

**FLOWERS:** Bev sent Jody Scott flowers along with good thoughts as she is recovering from the broken ankle she suffered on the dinner ride June 21. She was finally able to have surgery July 10.

**FINANCIAL TIP:** Dave's financial tip of the month had to do with getting free roadside motorcycle assistance. He brought fliers for a free copy of Wing World magazine. When you join GWRRA you get free roadside assistance.

**ITEMS FOR SALE:** Former member of the group Richard Meyer has some items for sale (contact him at 785-979-2921 for any more information): Dainse Motorcycle jacket - grey/black; Cordura Gore Tex - removable thermal liner - armour on elbows and shoulders (size XL); Dainse Pants - same description as jacket with armor on thighs and knees size 4XL; First gear motorcycle jacket - black with reflective stripes - ½ zip mesh pullover, black shoulder and elbow armor size XL; helmet radio sets, windshields for 1500 and 1800 Goldwing, saddlebag liners. He says all items in very good / new condition.

**50/50:** Donna won \$19

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** We are always looking for guest speakers. Dave Aiken is doing a talk on motorcycle safety next month (we decided we can all use safety hints). This week our speaker was John English. He talked about OIG (Office of Inspector General). John was working in the trucking industry (owner of trucks) not making the money he wanted to make. He already had an accounting degree so

started applying for “any job I could get”. He was hired by the OIG and ended up staying there a total of 25 years. The OIG was started by George Washington after wanting to have his military units equally trained for combat. Congress wanted to have feedback. Tom Cally was the first OIG but only lasted a short time Baron Von Steuben was presented by Benjamin Franklin as a high ranking guy (even though it was found out he wasn’t who they thought he was at the beginning). In 1778 he wrote the manuals and did the training. The position was a military position appointed by the president. Around 1974 (but possibly as late as 1978) it was decided to also make a civilian component to the position. The OIG deals with internal controls with accounting and auditing teams for the process of assuring the achievement of organizations with objectives of operational effectiveness (that’s a mouthful meaning making organizations work properly and efficiently). The OIG is in the executive branch of government (the legislative makes the laws, the judicial reviews and can change laws and executive implements the laws). The OIG works in conjunction the the GAO (government accountability office). There are OIG’s that are still appointed by the president but he has to inform congress 30 days in advance before he can fire them.

The OIG’s are “auditors”. They can look into “anything”. Once an investigation starts they don’t stop until the audit is done. The audit process can be mandatory, discretionary (identified from previous audit, area of concern identified by investigative agency) congressional / executive request, a whistle blower, external publicity or from budget / staffing. It begins with an assignment, (identify the issue, look at internal controls and make an audit plan). Then comes the fieldwork. In the past the auditors could potentially be away from home for a few weeks at a time on an audit. Once women joined the ranks of the OIG auditors were able at times to come home on a weekly basis and go back after a couple days at home. The fieldwork includes an entrance conference, audit test, recommendations, exit conference. Next there is a peer review that entails auditors looking over your work and eventually a report is drafted with report to management, written response back from management and finally a “final report: that includes management comments.

John says the FDIC is a great place to work if you have an accounting degree. You will need to have at least an undergraduate degree in accounting and will need to

get 80 hours every 2 years of continuing education (which is usually boring :)) .  
I'm sure I've forgotten some big points John brought up but I was listening and at  
times forgot to write what I heard (sorry :).

Respectfully submitted by: Madame Secretary Patti Kelsey



