

## EASTERN KANSAS TOUR RIDERS CHAPTER B



### AUGUST 2017 MINUTES

#### **Officers:**

**Director:** Everyone

**Secretary:** Patti Kelsey

**Treasurer:** John English

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**GUEST:** We were joined by Maurice Gray a recently retired rider looking for a group to ride with (he had joined us at dinner last week and like us enough to come back). Speaking of coming back Chuck and Sam came back and are now a part of the group

**MILEAGE:** Congratulations to Dave Aiken he now has 150,000 miles on his bike (130,000 he put on himself :))

**BRANSON:** The ride to Branson for the Million Dollar Quartet is this week, if you want to join them this weekend you will need to call and get your own ticket and make your own hotel reservations. Ride leaves Saturday at 9am at McDonalds

**T-BONES:** We have 41 people going to the T-bones Wednesday August 23 (don't forget it's in place of our dinner ride that week). Meet at the game.

**VETERANS DAY PARADE:** Dave wants to know if anyone is interested in riding in the Lawrence Veteran's Day parade. Veterans day is a Sunday this year. You are not able to throw candy from the bike. Let him know or let us know next month at the meeting.

**ECLIPSE:** There is a group going up to St. Joseph Harley. They are leaving from Casey's in De Soto at 8:30 August 21.

**MEETING PLACE:** Just a reminder we are trying out a new meeting place for the next few months. Johnny's on Ridgeview and K-10.

**DINNER RIDES:** Bev said she is open for the rest of the year. Please think about a destination and let her know. If you don't want to lead but have a restaurant idea let her know that also.

**50/50:** Sam and Chuck won \$36

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Some ideas we were given for speakers include insurance coverage and first aid. If you know of anyone who can talk to us about these things or if you have any other ideas (or know of a speaker) please let us know. Dave Aiken was our speaker this month. He lead the discussion on safety. He brought us 16 tips from the GWRRA magazine (included as an attachment on today's minutes). In our discussion we talked about the **number one safety tip** is to not go any faster than you feel comfortable. Additionally the biggest "take aways" were:

We ride staggered - trikes ride slightly off center. You need to be able to see the bike that is ahead of you in your lane. Even biker on right odd number on left (yes count off when leaving :))

Leave 2.5 seconds between you and the bike ahead of you (using light poles to help measure works well when on a ride that has them, if not on your road find something else to use)

Going around curves changes that, the whole lane is yours

It's easier to keep up than catch up

Almost as big a deal as not going any faster than you feel comfortable is that "**Communication is Key**" Let us know if you aren't going on the whole ride, let us know you aren't comfortable with group riding / riding in a particular part of the lineup. Let us know any detail so we are all safe and have a great time.

We are all friends, we want to have a great ride but mostly we **must** be safe. We all know things happen even when we do all we know: they call them accidents not "on purpose" for a reason (remember a couple months ago Judy broke her ankle on a dinner ride and is still looking at 8 weeks with no weight bearing on the foot)

Respectfully submitted: Patti Kelsey "Madame Secretary"

