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NEW MEMBERS 2009 <i>Bob and Kathy Husband</i>	
October Birthdays & Anniversaries	October Membership Anniversaries
10-28 Gary Thomas	2002 Roger & Theresa Settle
10-29 Larry Dewell	2007 Bill & Susan Meggenberg
10-31 Larry & Amy Smith	2007 Chris & Cindy Frost

Dinner Rides by Dean Christiansen Leave DCHH, or arrive at Dodge City location at 6:30pm

Sept 30 Romanos Pizza, Kinsley, KS

Oct 7 Casey's Cowntown, Pour House, 503 E Trail Dodge City
(business meeting)

Oct 14 Eva's, 203 N. Aztec, Montezuma

Oct 21 Kate's, 305 E Trial, Dodge City

Oct 28 Casa Alvarez, 1701 W Wyatt Earp, Dodge City

Coming Events;

Oct 3 Toys for Kids, Mulvane, KS

Oct 3 Michael Bergen's Night Train Run, Shawnee Mission, KS

Oct 3 Bikers for Babies, Wichita, Kansas

Oct 4 17th Annual Fall Color Ride Leavenworth Tour Riders, GWTA
Chapter L, Lansing, Kansas

Oct 4 Cassoday, KS Bike Run

Oct 9-11 Colorama, Lake County Riders Harrison, AR

Oct 10 Ride for Croatia, Wamego, Ks,

Oct 11 Bikers Breakfast, American Legion, 125 W Pine Garden City

Oct 12 **Columbus Day**

Oct 17 4th Annual Tour for Tots, Lawrence, KS

Oct 18 Bucklin Breakfast

Oct 22-25 America Halloween Bash, Sparks, OK

Oct 24 3rd Annual Poker Run ACFD Local 2101, Arkansas City, KS

Oct 24 Memorial Poker Run ABATE District 13 Dighton, Kansas

Oct 31 **Halloween Day**

Nov 1 Toys for Tots Run Shawnee, Kansas

For some ride details; see the internet link for Ks Rides.

Directors Notes, October 2009

Western Kansas Wings Business Meeting, September 2, 2009

Monte Harder, Chapter Director called the meeting to order at Cow Town

August minutes- read and approved

Treasures report- given by Lela-

Sunshine Report- given by Joann- no cards sent

Newsletter Report- Theresa thanked everyone for sending articles and has now got the newsletter on the web

Monte read a thank-you card from Roger and Gloria Scholl

Old Business-

Labor Day trip is coming up this weekend to Colorado

GWTA Fall Camp out is Sept 26-27 in Council Grove.

Registration is in the newsletter

Thunder on the Plains report given by Dean—was a huge success

Monte thanked Carol for setting up the September rides

New Business-

Monte read a quote from Wilferd from the GWTA magazine

Also was suggested to start thinking about next year's officers

Next week's ride is at the Windmill in Spearville

Harold has a Fun Run for the 3rd Sunday in October after the Bucklin Breakfast

Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced

Meeting adjourned and seconded

50/50 drawing was \$6.50 won by Dean Christiansen

Respectfully submitted by Carol Harder, Secretary

Harold and Lela Wright

Our sincere condolences go out to Harold and Lela Wright. On September 18th Harold's mother, Margaret died. On September 23rd, the day of her funeral; Lela's son Lance experienced a fatal episode. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

I think all that went on the Labor Day ride to Colorado had a great time and saw some beautiful scenery. Carol and I love the mountains, and are ready to head back again.

Just wanted to mention that the people attending the dinner rides has been decreasing to just a handful of bikes. I know we all get busy at times, but we need to remember why we are members of Western Kansas Wings. We love motorcycles, love to ride, and we are a social club that share fond memories of various rides and the great friendships we have made along the way. I wish more of you could attend the Wednesday dinner rides and the monthly business meetings. We would love for you to enjoy the riding and have some input at the meetings. We have new Region E directors that are taking a very active role at their position, and I would like us to become more active as a group also. Please let me know if you have any rides you would like us to do as a group or any ideas you may have.

Also, we need to be looking to next year and electing officers. I would appreciate any and all help for the various positions. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping in any capacity.

Thanks to all that have helped me this year as I am learning the ropes as **YOUR** Chapter Director.

Remember, we cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails! Lets Ride!

Monte Harder

Region E Web Site

Many exciting things are happening on the Region E web site! Tommy Dossey is making great strides in bringing information about the region to all members. Newsletters from various chapters, as well as the new Region E Newsletter are now online. There is a new section for Classifieds for anyone interested in buying or selling items pertaining to cycling. A very useful item is an ID card - medical information can be entered, the card can be printed, and it can be carried on your bike. I was excited to see some photos of some of our members on the Members marquee. There are many, many other interesting and useful items; check it out at <http://gwta regione.homestead.com/>

Labor Day Ride to Colorado

Riders were Monte & Carol Harder, Dean and Sally Christiansen, Sally's brother-in-law Ray Kaeding, Larry Dewell, Lane and Mary Bartholomew, and Shawn Huffman.



Chapter Director; Monte & Carol Harder



They didn't take a group picture, looks like they were too busy riding. Looking at the pictures, I bet most of us wish we had been there!

Animal Hazards Swerve or Panic Stop?

By: James R. Davis

It doesn't happen very often but even while traveling on a freeway you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. Certainly it happens with some frequency in the country, and on city streets you must be ever concerned about usually domesticated types.

Those of us who ride in the country tend to confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, dogs, cattle, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. On surface streets there are usually just two varieties: dogs and children (both an animal and wildlife in my book.) Dogs on a freeway are usually road kill before you get to them.

If you see an animal in your path, given plenty of warning, the obvious best move is to slow down and give it as wide a clearance as possible. However, in the case of an animal that 'was in front of me out of nowhere' situations, you have an immediate decision to make ... to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop.

That is a false choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 5 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more than that, if you think that you can, in a panic, swerve your motorcycle and retain control of it - not run into oncoming traffic, or the side of the mountain, or off the road, or oversteer it into a crash after avoiding the animal, or swerve right into the animal which has jumped into your new path, then you are probably also of the opinion that it can't happen to you in any event.

If you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph or faster, you probably will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it will do is give away some control.

Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. Do not lose control of your bike. Minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you you will probably still

walk away from it.

I can hear it now: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses (like you) the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that child with a greater (faster) impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Of course you aren't doing 50 mph or greater on city streets, right? You are covering your front brake while riding on city streets, right?

Play the odds in your head before you get into the situation. Condition yourself - bias yourself - panic stops are not a bad thing.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

Missing Rider Found

I had forwarded an email to you asking riders to watch for a missing rider. I just checked their web site and found the following final message.

It is with a heavy heart that I bring you the news.

Donald Masters has been found at a crash site on Rt 93 around mile marker 322.1 between North Fork, ID and Salmon, ID

Donald and his bike were spotted by Elk hunters that were out tracking a buck. There was about 150' of shoulder and then a steep drop off into a drainage irrigation ditch. The area was covered in thick brush. He was wearing his helmet.

Out of respect to the family and loved ones we will be closing this thread and creating a Memorial Page to Donald where you can share some kind words with everyone.

My thoughts and Prayers are with the family.

Rest in Peace Donald Masters.

Larry Jensen
on behalf of the Motorcycle Community

Forgive me if this offends you, but then, if it offends you, maybe you should consider moving to another country.

You Could Have Heard a Pin Drop

At a time when our president and other politicians tend to apologize for our country's prior actions, here's a refresher on how some of our former patriots handled negative comments about our country:

JFK's Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60's when DeGaulle decided to pull out of NATO. DeGaulle said he wanted all US military out of France as soon as possible.

Rusk responded "does that include those who are buried here?" DeGaulle did not respond.

You could have heard a pin drop

When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by George Bush.

He answered by saying, 'Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return.'

You could have heard a pin drop.

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying 'Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?'

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: 'Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?'

You could have heard a pin drop.

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, 'Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?' Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, 'Maybe it's because the Brit's, Canadians, Aussie's and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German.'

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Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!" The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to."

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Humor / Truth

The choice you make today will usually affect tomorrow.

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knee is on the Pavement.

No matter what marquee you ride, it's all the same wind.

Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling when you feel like stripping your gears.

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